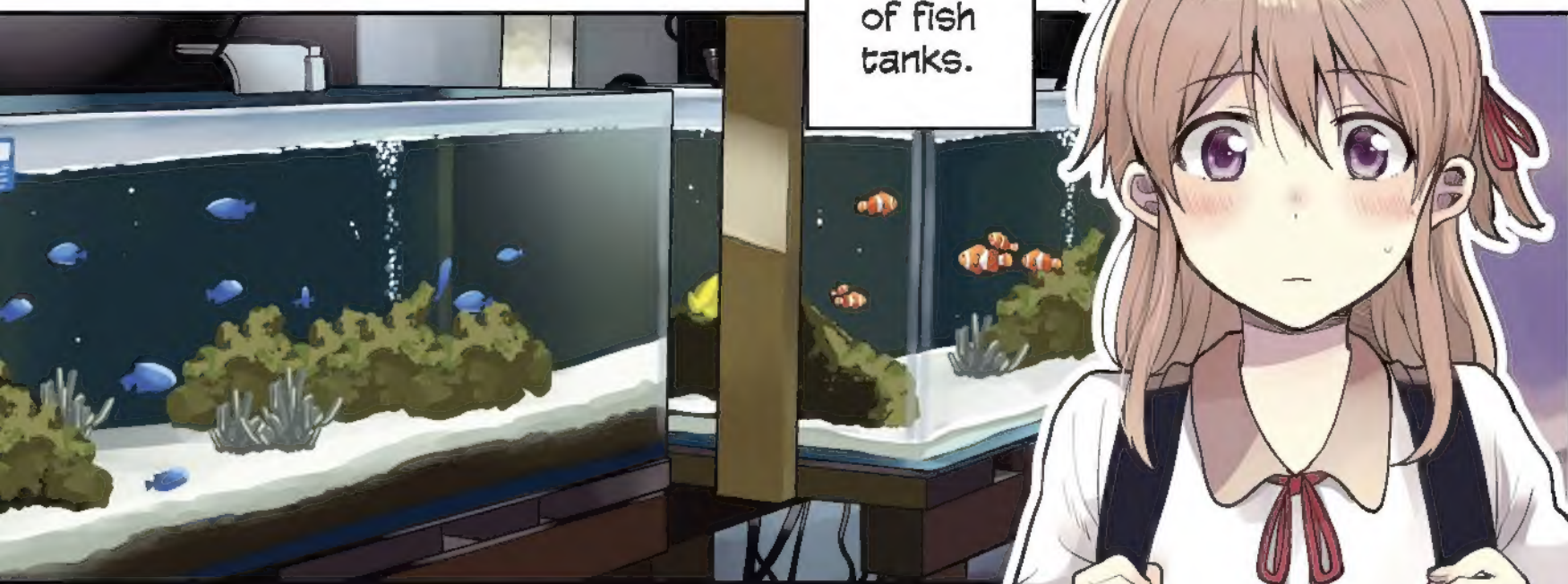




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She's
got a
look
that's
...

DO
YOU LIKE
SALAMAN-
DERS?

...bluer
and
clearer
than
the
sea.



HUH?
THERE'S
NOTHING
IN
THERE!!

LOOK
AT *THIS*
TANK!



HE'S
RIGHT.
IT'S
EMPTY.



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NEXT
STOP IYO-
NAGAHAMA!

LATTA KLATTA KLATTA KLATTA KLATTA KLATTA

My
father
trans-
ferred
overseas
a week
ago.

I'd
lived in
Tokyo for
15 years,
but I said
goodbye to
everything

...and
moved
to this
seaside
town...



...to
live
with
my
aunt.



DAD? I
JUST GOT
OFF THE
TRAIN.

I'M
ON MY
WAY TO
THE
HOUSE.

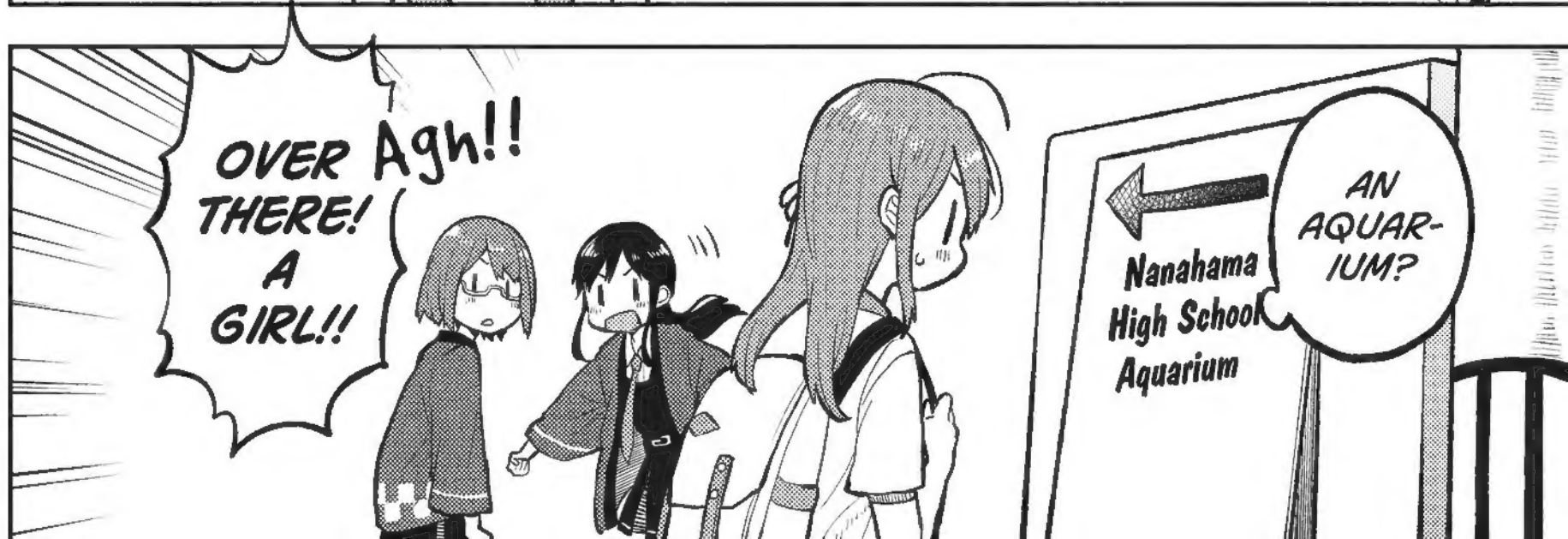
YOU'RE
SO SMALL
AND CUTE—
SOMEONE
WILL
SNATCH
YOU
AWAY!

DON'T GO
ANYWHERE
WITH
STRANGERS,
EVEN THOUGH
YOU'RE
IN THE
BOONIES!

DAD, I'M
IN *HIGH*
SCHOOL!

KONATSU
!!







...I met her.





THIS
ONE JUST
ARRIVED,
SO IT'S
SHY...

...AND
HASN'T
SHOWN
ITSELF TO
ANYONE
YET.



IT'S
NOCTURNAL,
SO IT DOESN'T
COME OUT
MUCH DURING
THE DAY.

BUT
IT'S IN
THERE
SOME-
WHERE.

OH.



WHAT'S
THERE
TO
LIKE?

THE
TANK IS
EMPTY,
SO IT'S
JUST
WEIRD!

Is this
pretty
girl
talking
to *me*?
?!

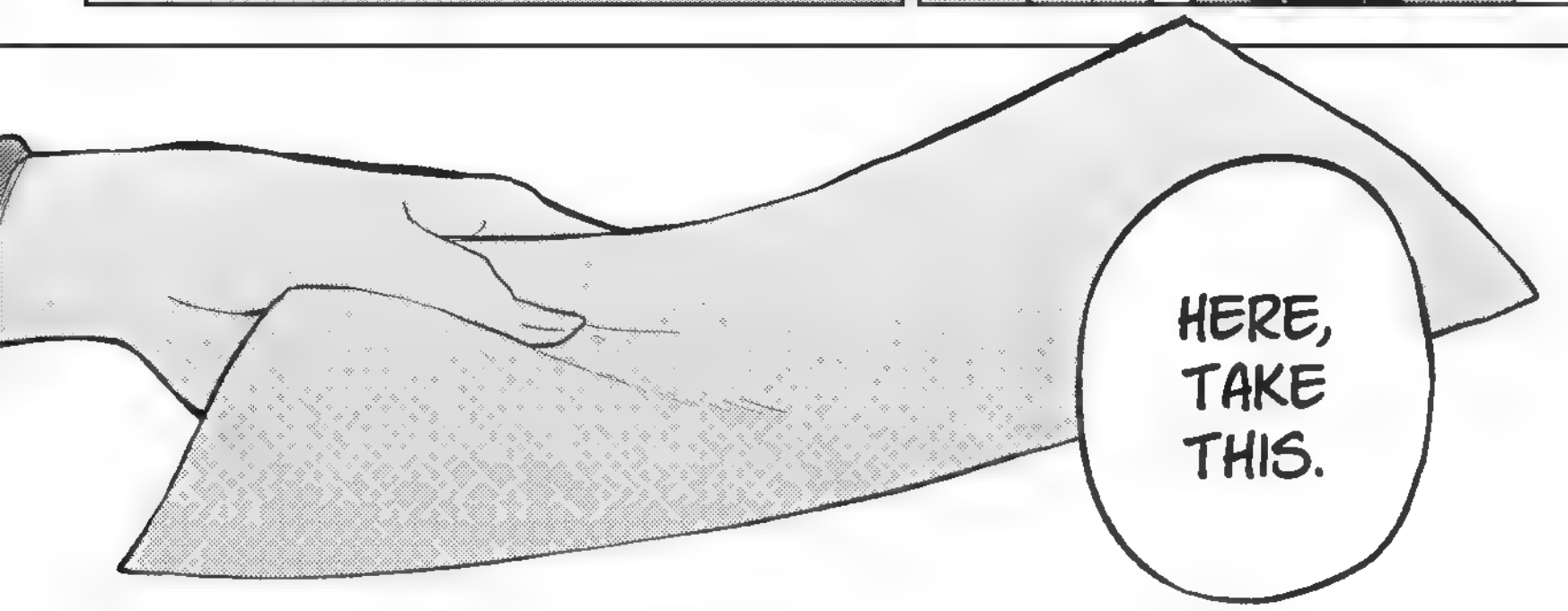


About the clouded salamander



IT'S
CALLED A
CLOUDED
SALA-
MANDER,
HUH?







WE OPEN
THE AQUARIUM
TO THE
PUBLIC ONCE
A MONTH.



...SO
YOU
SHOULD
COME
AGAIN
SOME-
TIME!

THE
AQUARIUM
CLUB IS
REALLY
PROUD
OF IT...





From "Salamander" by Masuji Ibuse, translated by John Bester











SO
WE
GOTTA
HUSTLE
!!

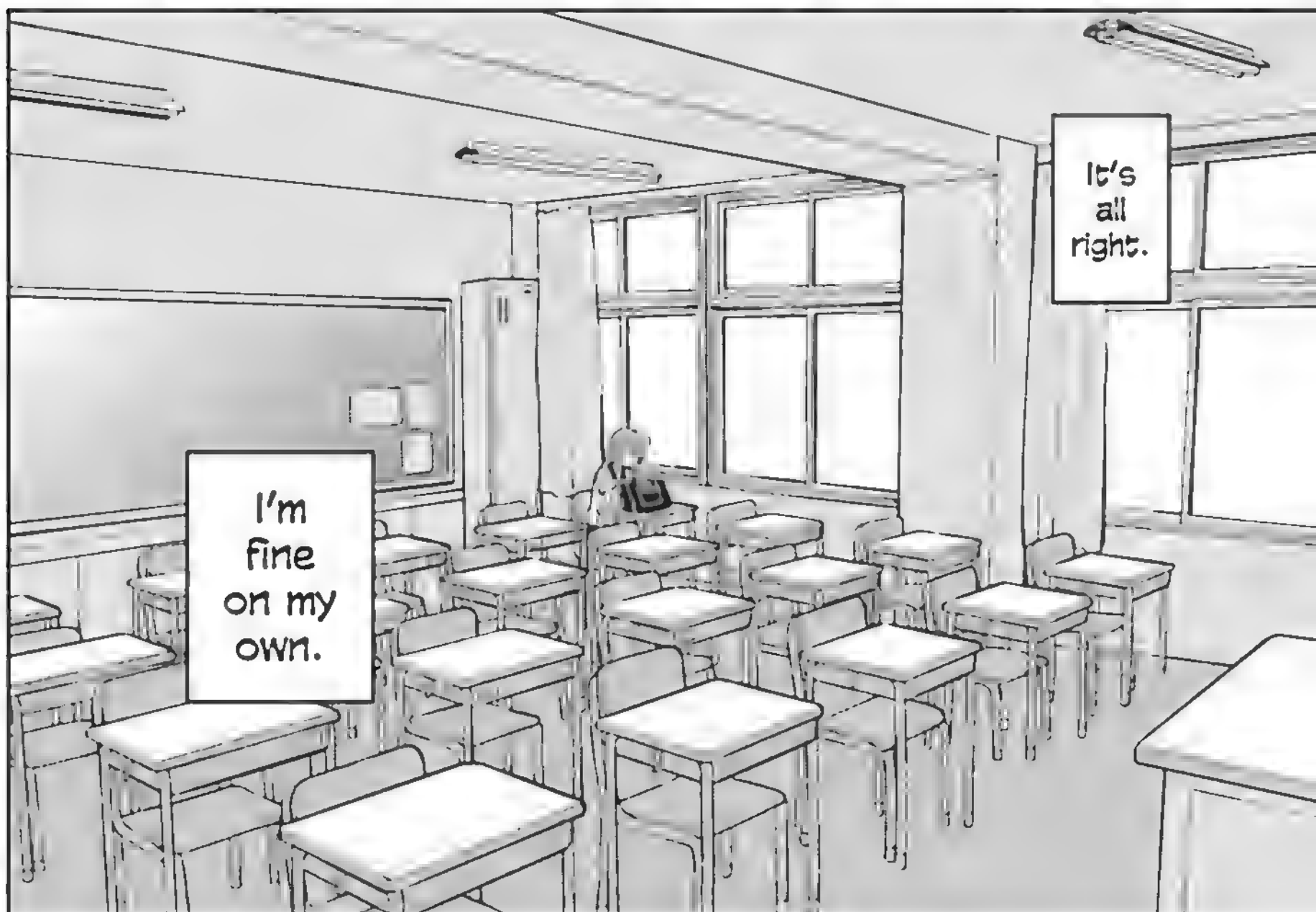
WE ONLY
HAVE TEN
MINUTES!



**KAEDE
!!**

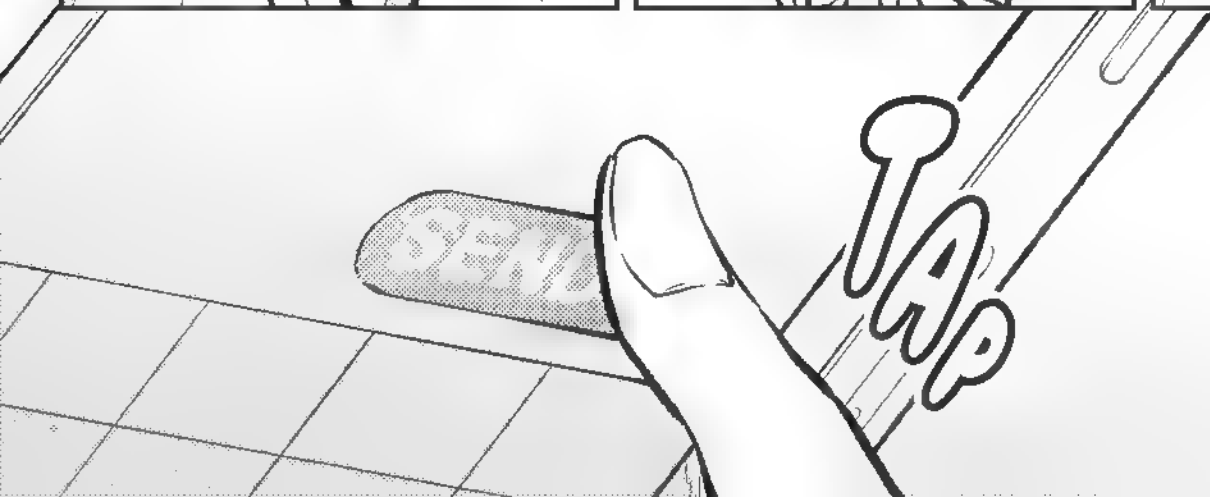
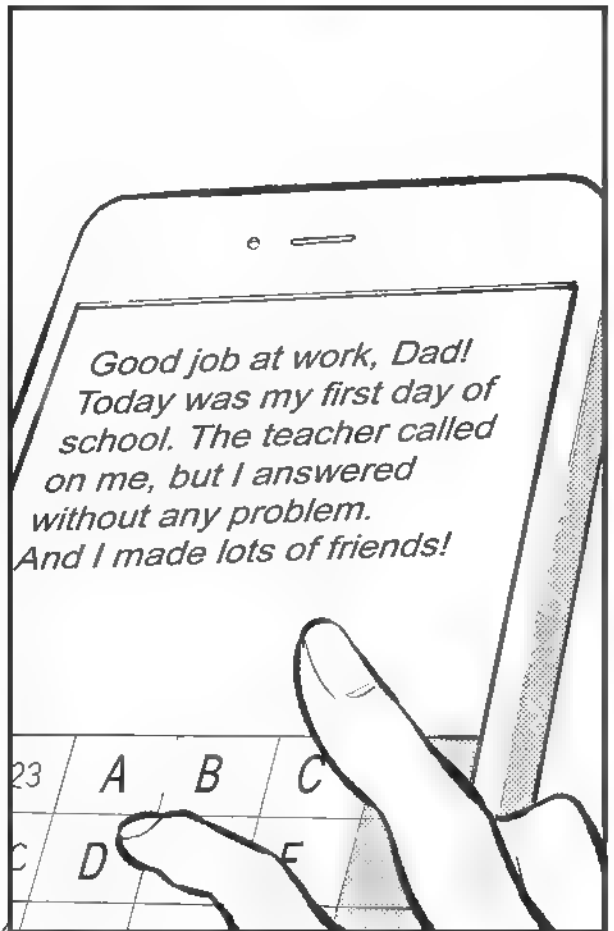
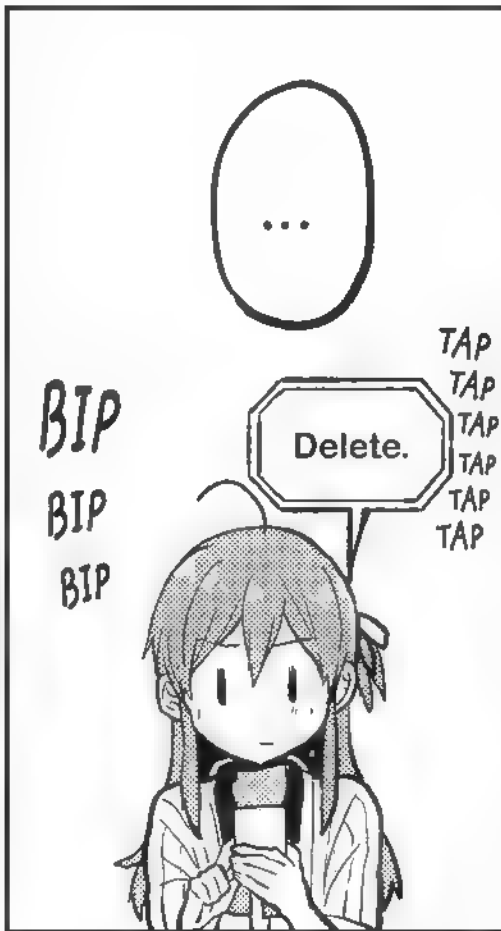
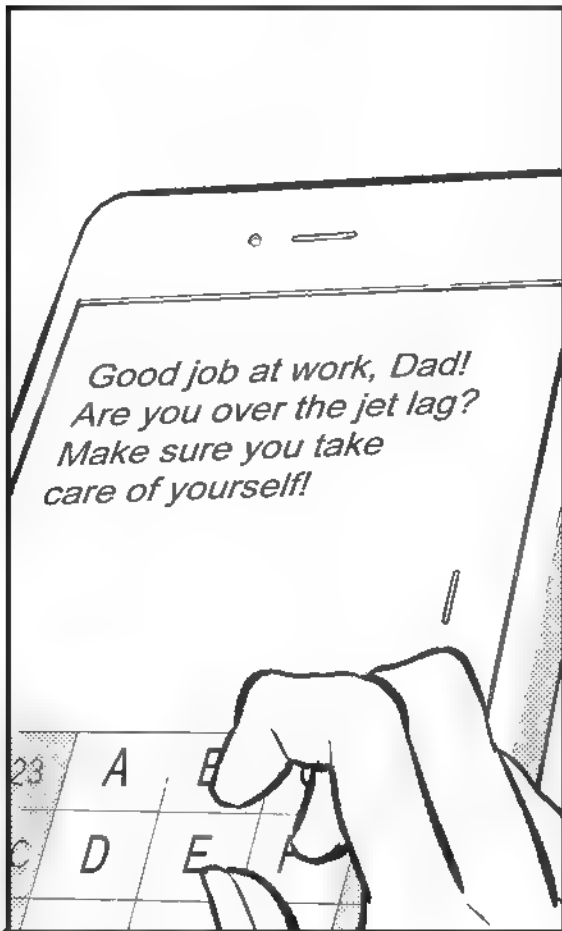
UM...

COM-
ING!



I'm
fine
on my
own.

It's
all
right.









FW

HEEY!!

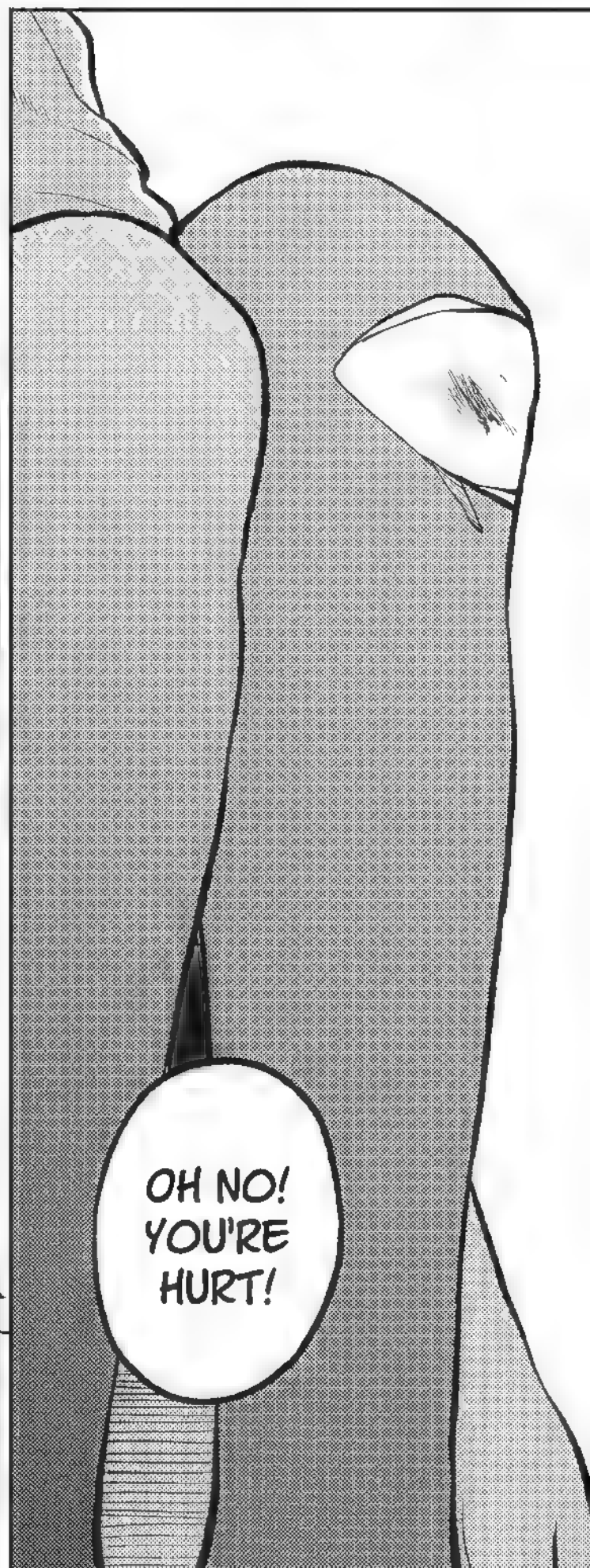
TATATROMMMMMMP

NO
FLYING,
YOU
COWARD
!!

STOP
RIGHT
THERE
!!











IF IT
HURTS,
THEN
SAY
SO!



YOUR
FACE
SAYS YOU
AREN'T
FINE.

???

**SERIOUSLY!
I'M
FINE!**

UH-
HUH
...

I'M
NOT
LYING.

YOU'RE
LYING! ...

BUT IT
REALLY
DOESN'T
HURT.



YOU'RE
KIND OF
**STUB-
BORN,**
AREN'T
YOU?

...

PWIP



AGH!



SIGH...
I GET
THAT
FROM MY
DAD...

YOU
WORRY
TOO
MUCH!

WELL, YOU
EXAG-
GERATE!

OH
YEAH
?!



WHAT
?!

THAT
PELICAN'S
EATING
THE FISH
AGAIN!

SKWONK

GULP

GULP



ARGH!
KNOCK
THAT
OFF!!

WHASH



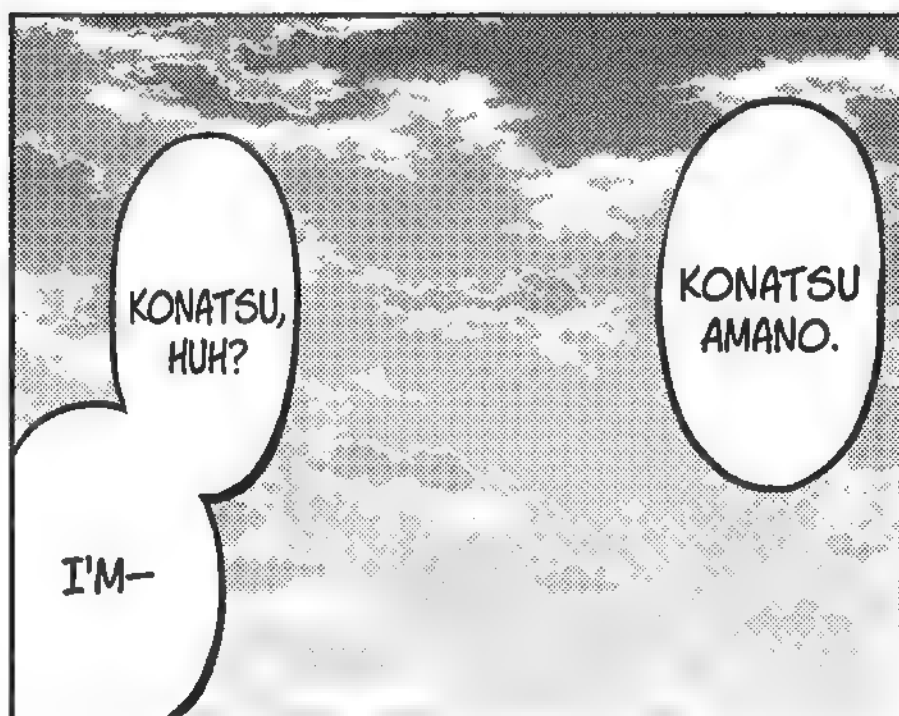
IT'S
ESCAPED
FROM SOME
WILDLIFE
CENTER...

...AND
TOOK A
LIKING
TO THIS
FISHING
COMMU-
NITY.



WHAT'S
A PELICAN
DOING
HERE
ANYWAY?

IT ATE
ALMOST
ALL OF
THEM.



KONATSU,
HUH?

I'M—

KONATSU
AMANO.



HEY, I
NEVER
ASKED
YOUR
NAME.

WHAT
IS
IT?

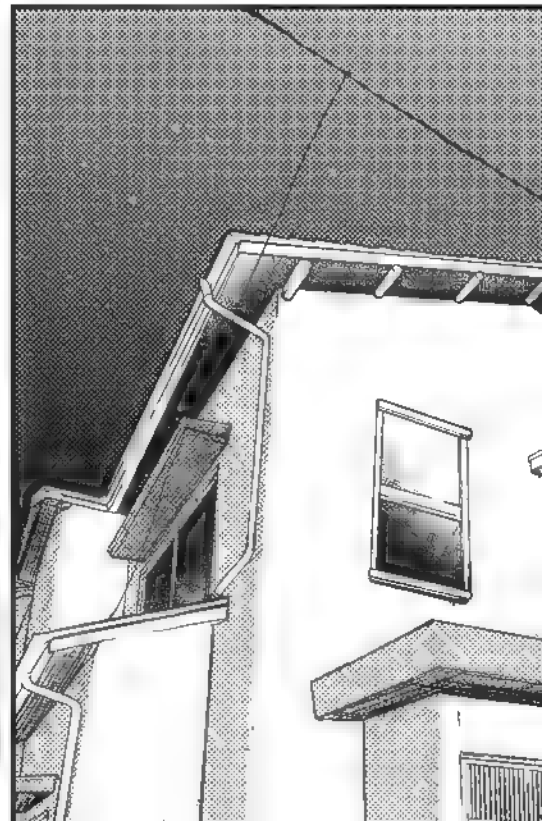


I
KNOW.
YOU'RE
HONAMI.

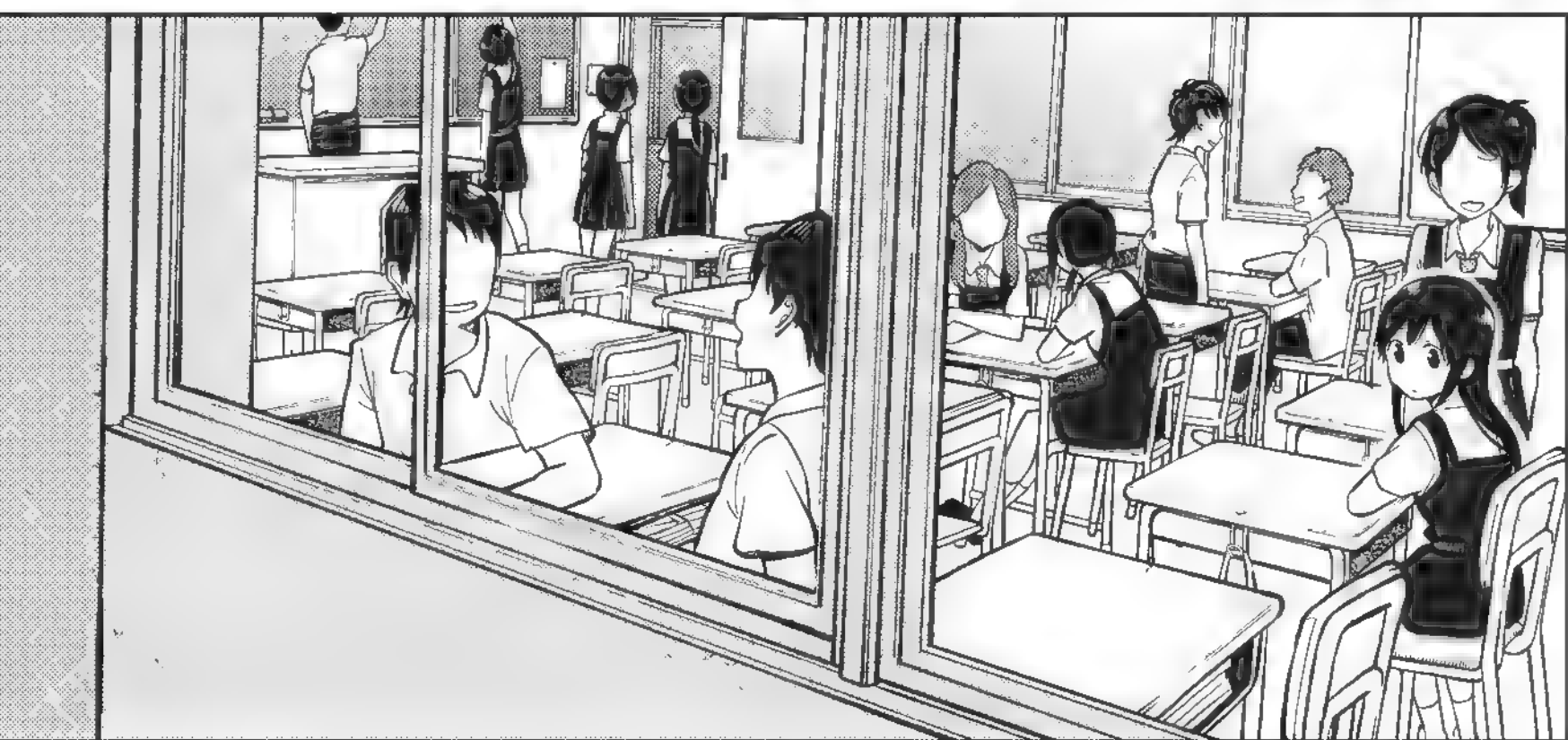
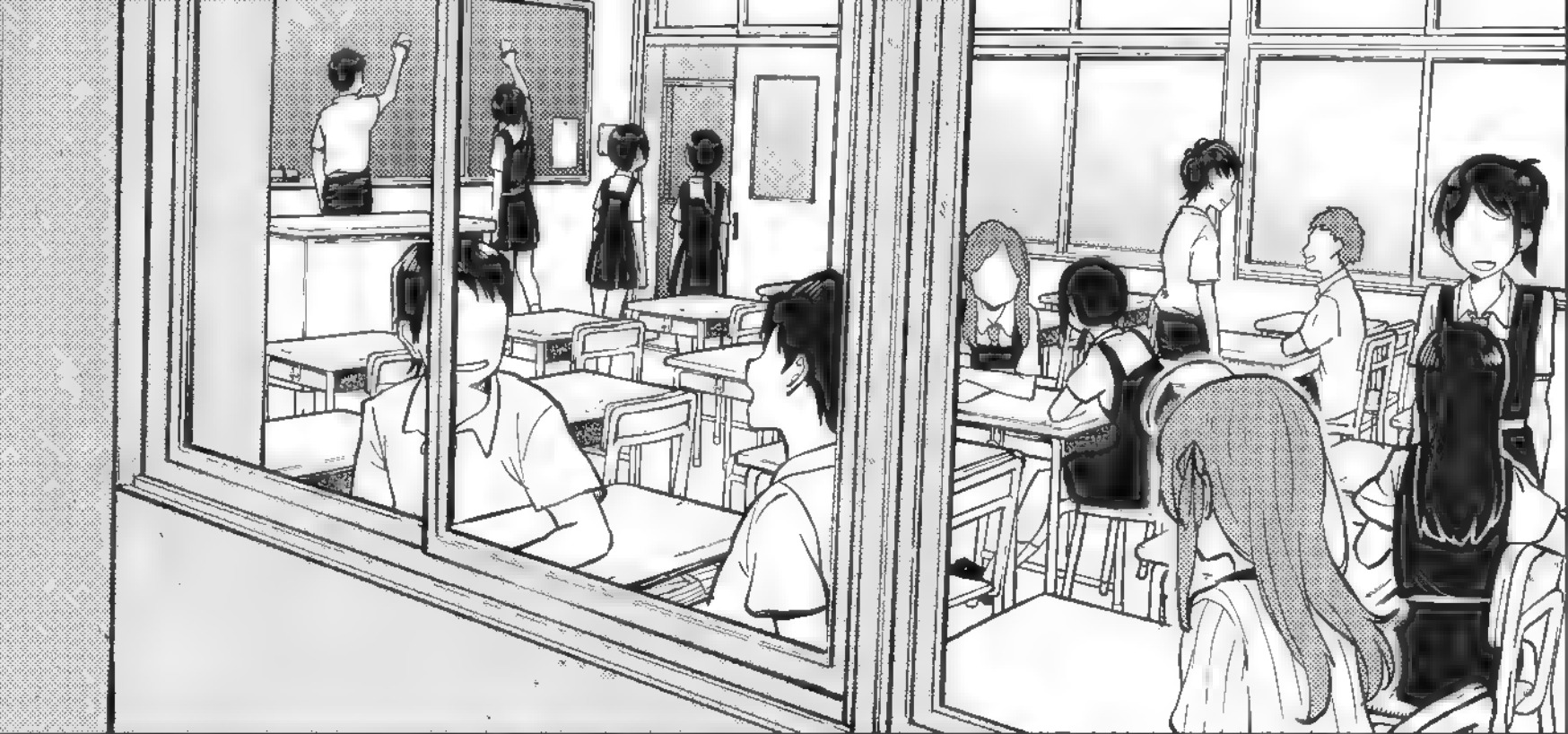


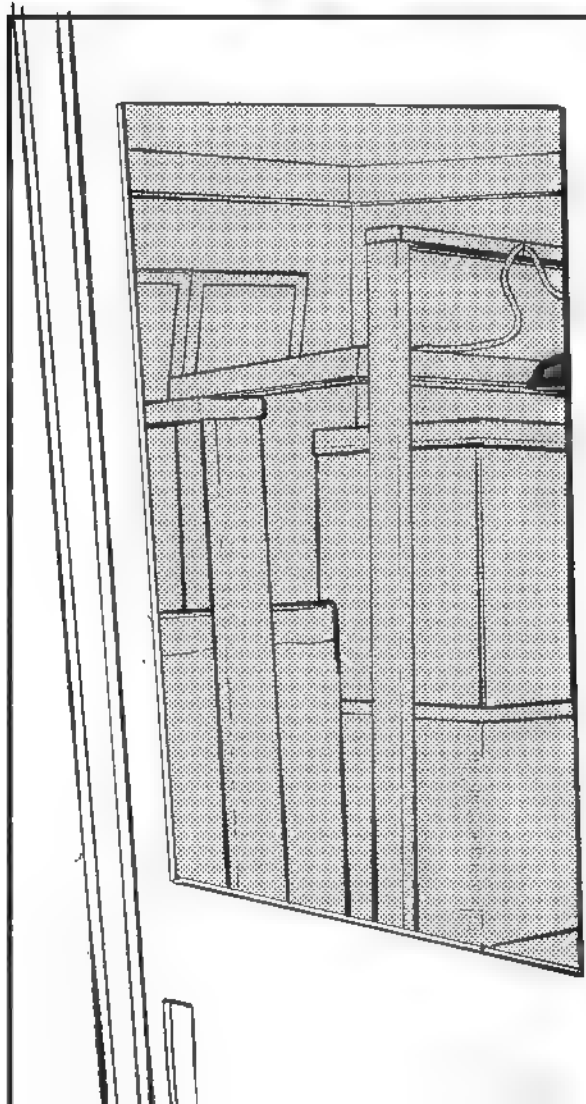
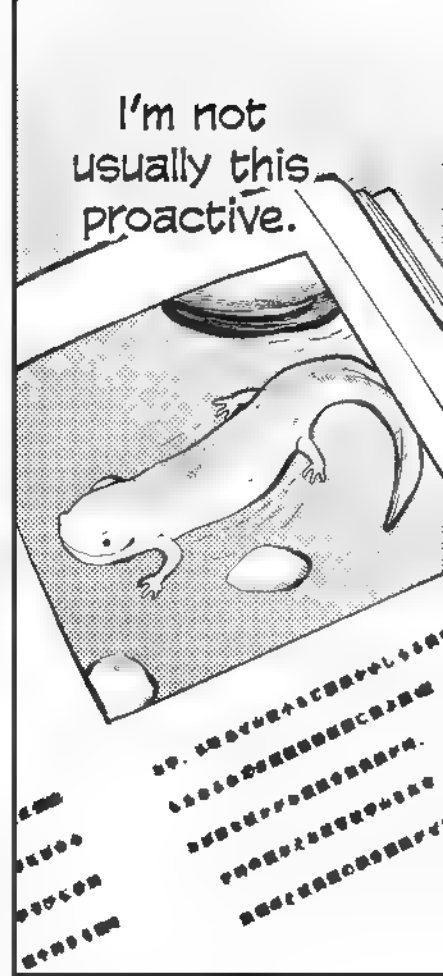
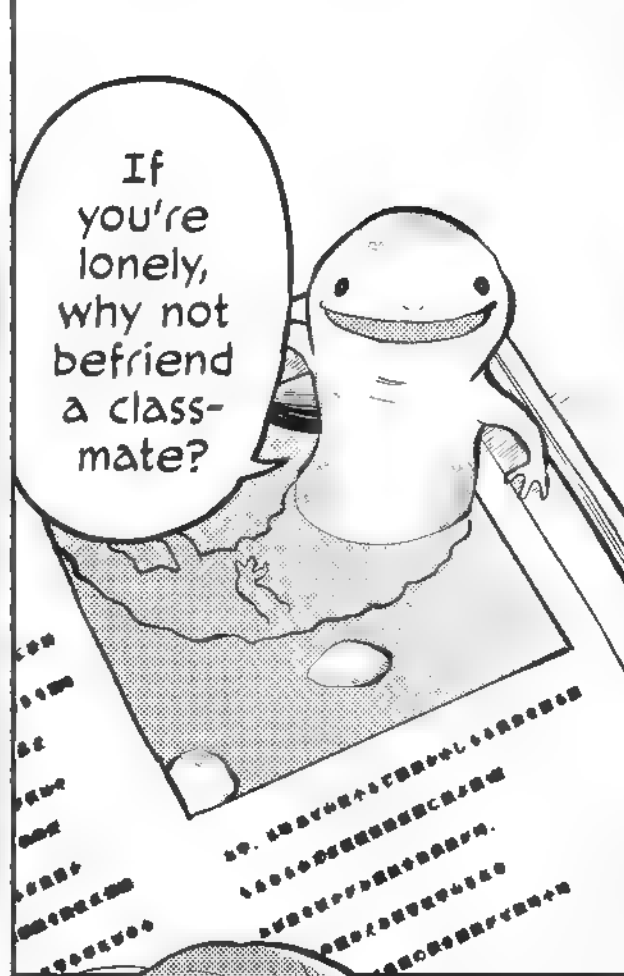


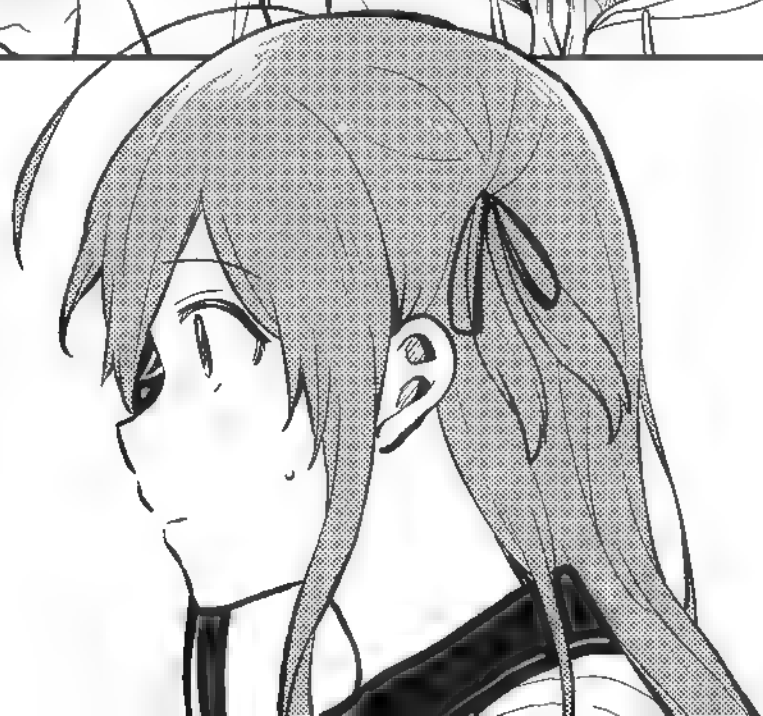
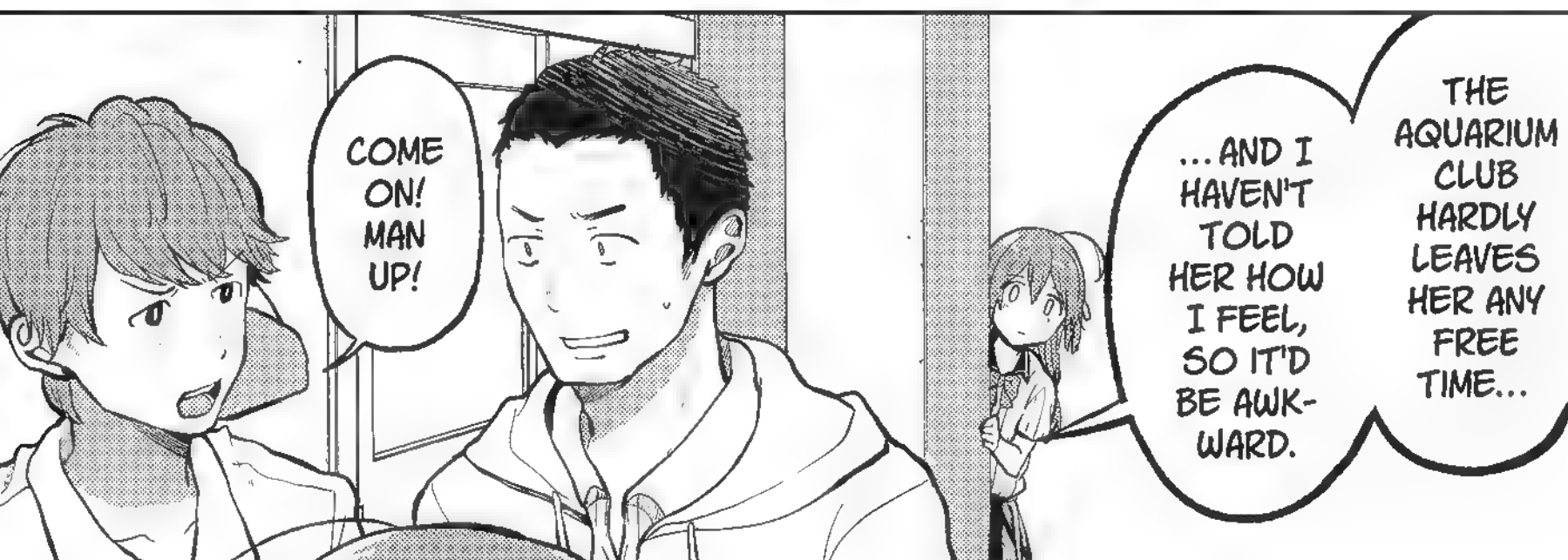
Thanks for the message,
Konatsu. I'm fine.
—[boring stuff]—
Did you make any
friends? ^ _ ^











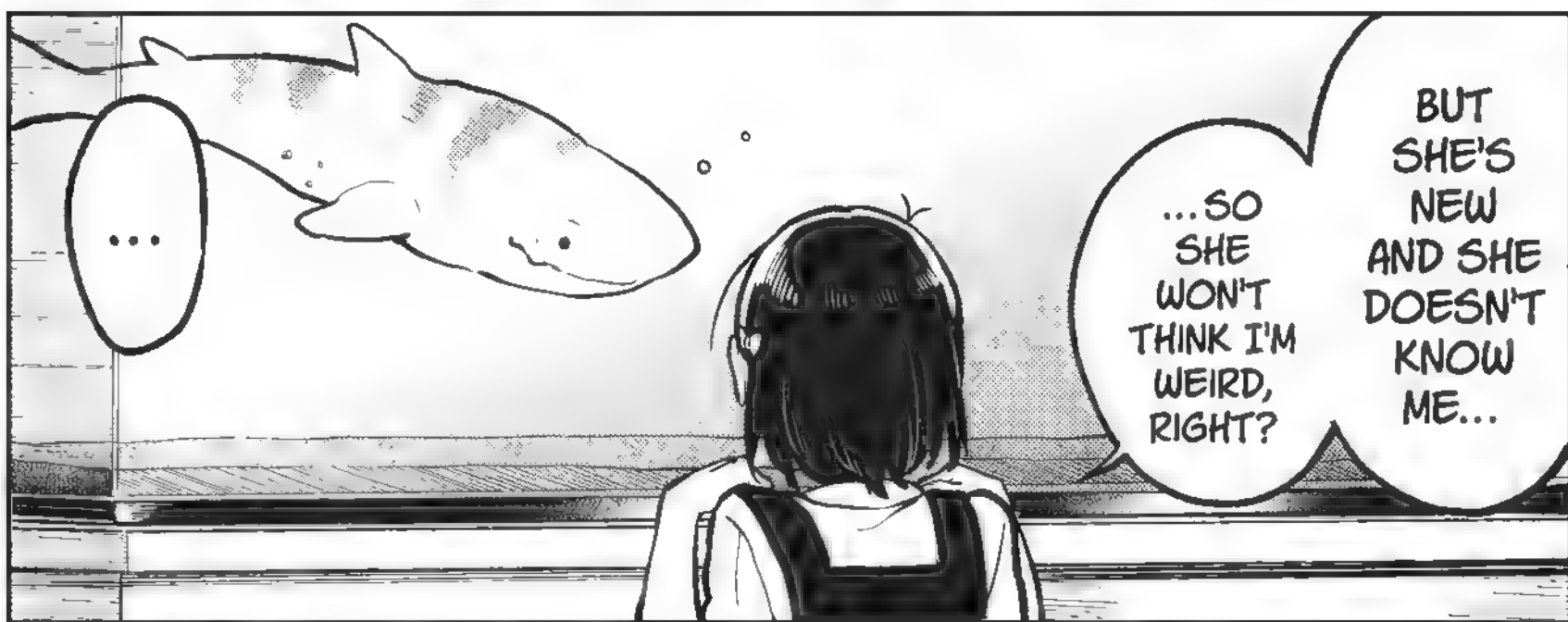




Ah, the
colder it
gets, the
lonelier I
feel.



IS
HONAMI
LONELY
TOO?



...SO SHE WON'T THINK I'M WEIRD, RIGHT?







...I
THOUGHT
OF ONE.

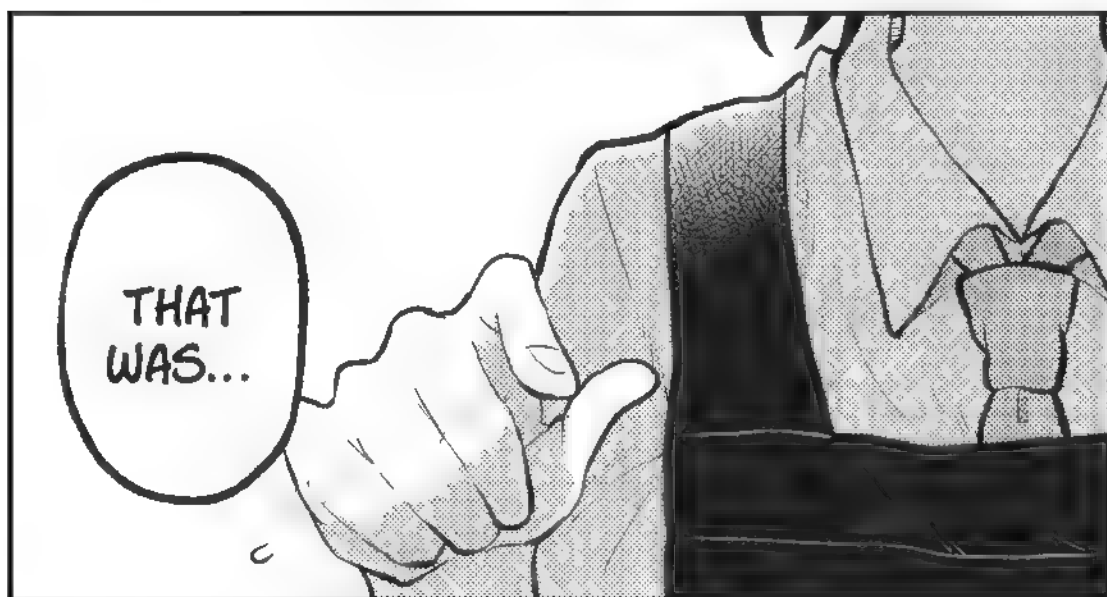
















Yep.
I
knew
it.



...and
she turns
bright
red at an
indirect
kiss
between
girls.

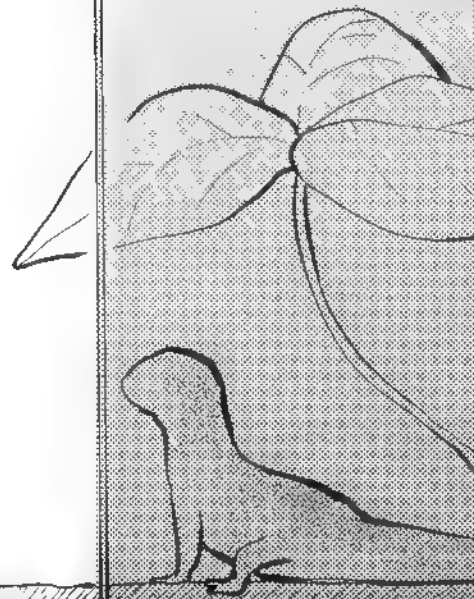
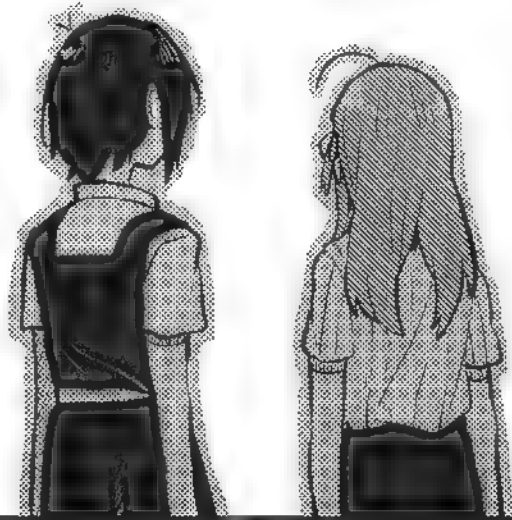
She's
an out-
standing
student
and a
lofty
flower
...

And
she was
all alone
in this
aquarium.



BUT
I CAN
BE HER
FROG

...



HUH?





OH,
NOTHING!

Someday,
she
would
realize
what I
meant.



Tank 2





Tank 2:
Koyuki Honami Isn't Happy





SHE
HASN'T
LOOKED
THIS
HAPPY IN
A LONG
TIME!



RUB
WIFE
RUB
RUB
WIFE

OH
...

UM,
SOMETHING
GOOD
HAPPENED
TODAY.

SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB



YOU
USUALLY
KEEP
EVERYTHING
BOTTLED
UP
INSIDE.

THAT'S
GREAT!



UH-
HUH!

REALLY?







ARTICLE 3
OF THE
SCHOOL
RULES
PROHIBITS
SNACK RUNS
ON THE WAY
HOME!!

FWUP

PAGE 52,
LINE 3
OF THE
SCHOOL
HAND-
BOOK!

TRMBL

TRMBL

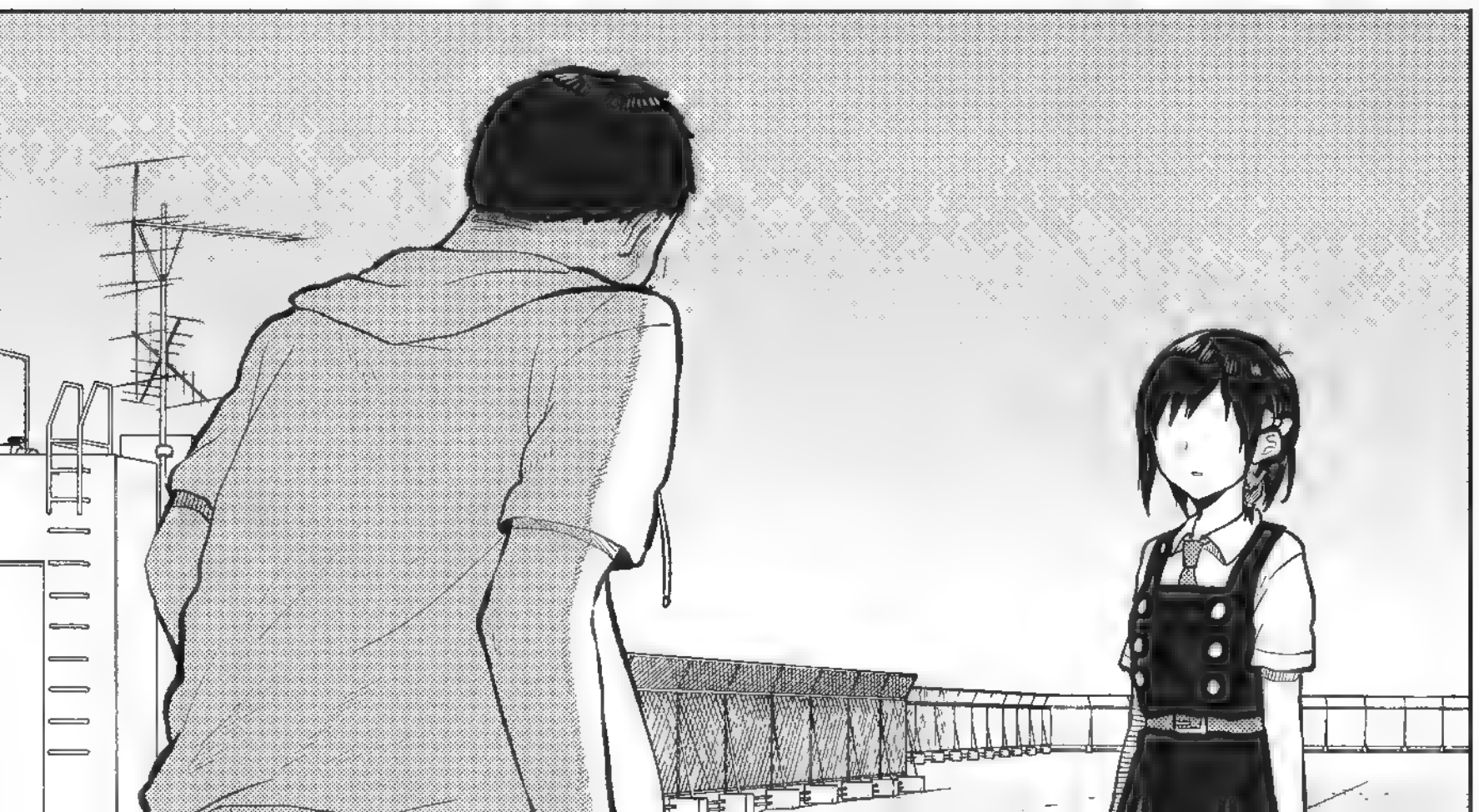
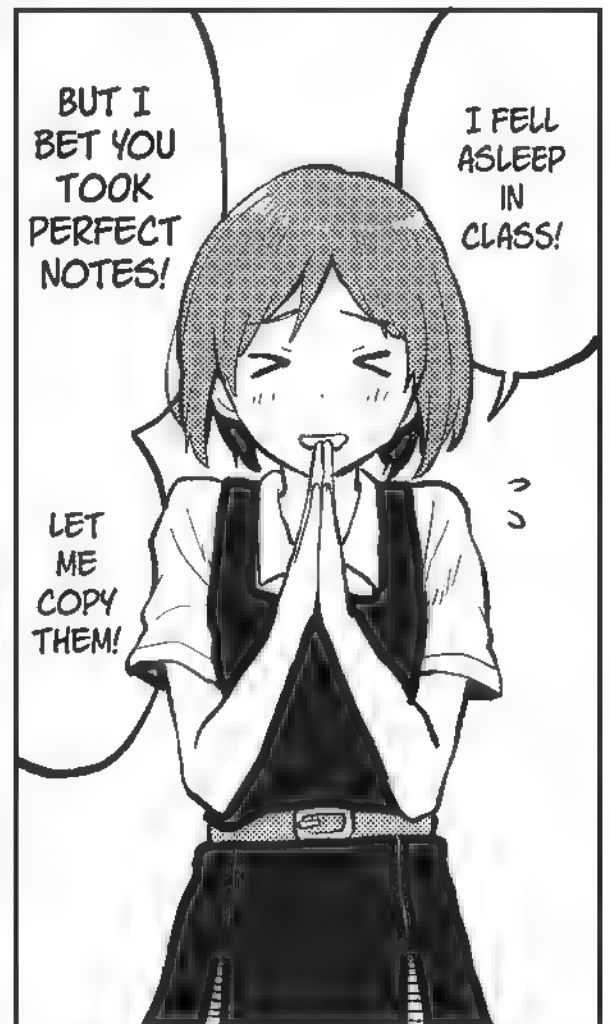
AND
SCHOOL
RULES
ARE
ABSO-
LUTE!!



SO LEARN
FROM
HONAMI'S
EXAMPLE!



GRIP





Admired...

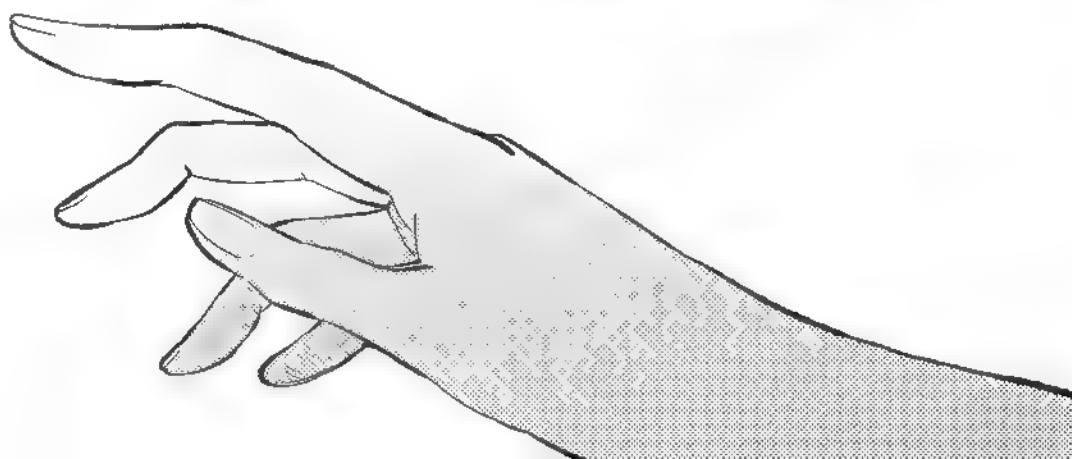
Kind...

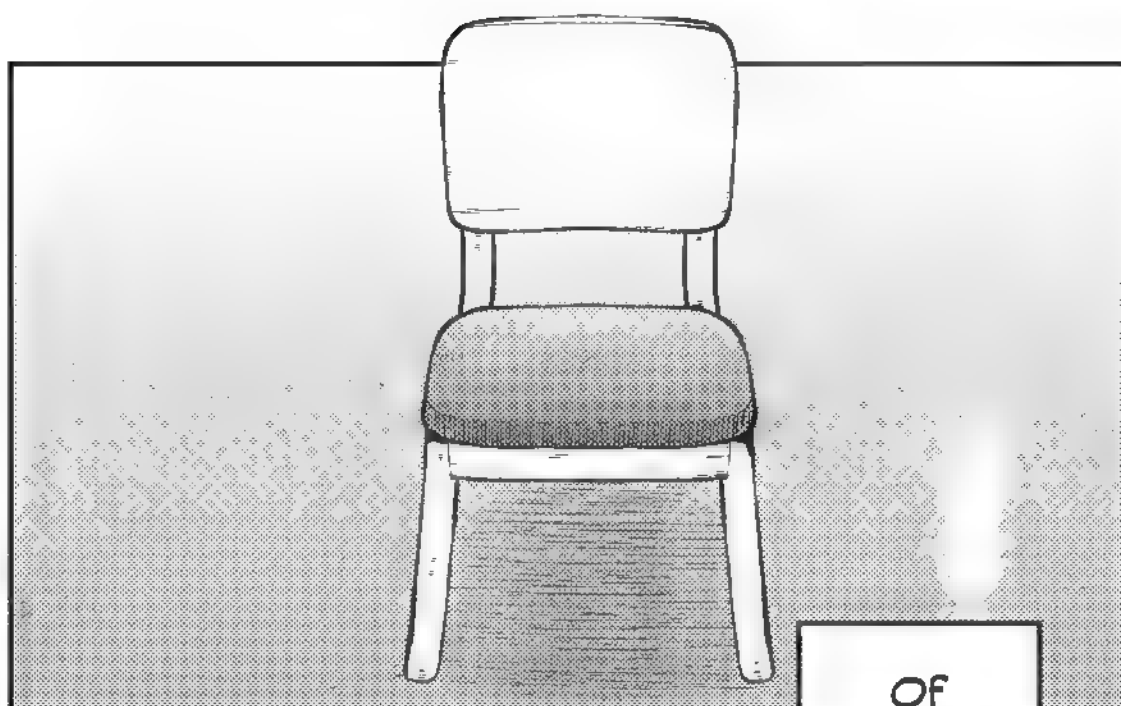
Serious...





KONATSU
...?



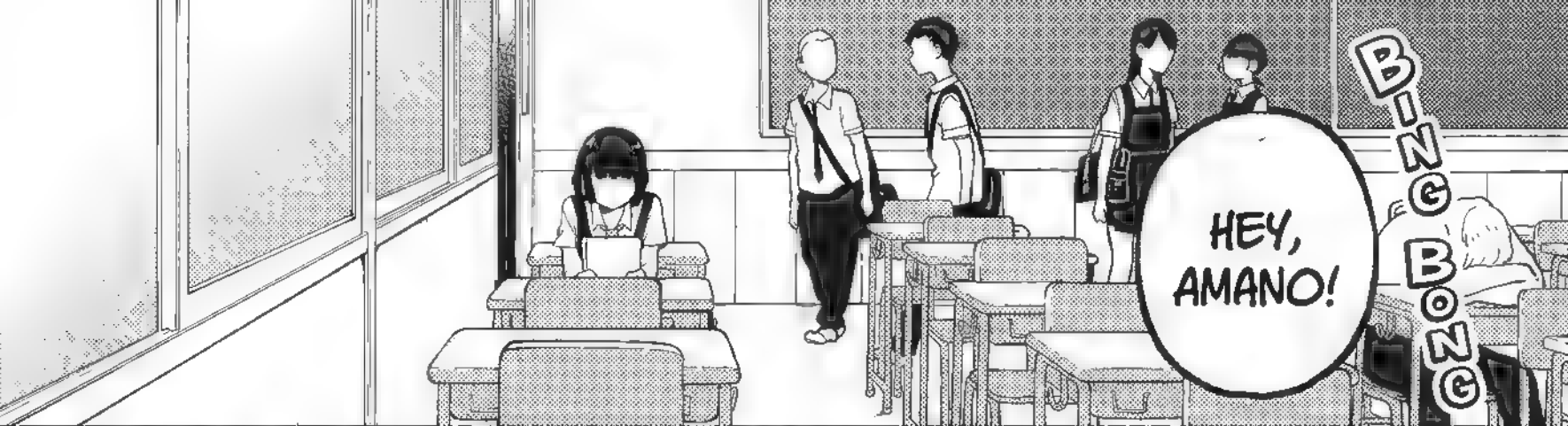


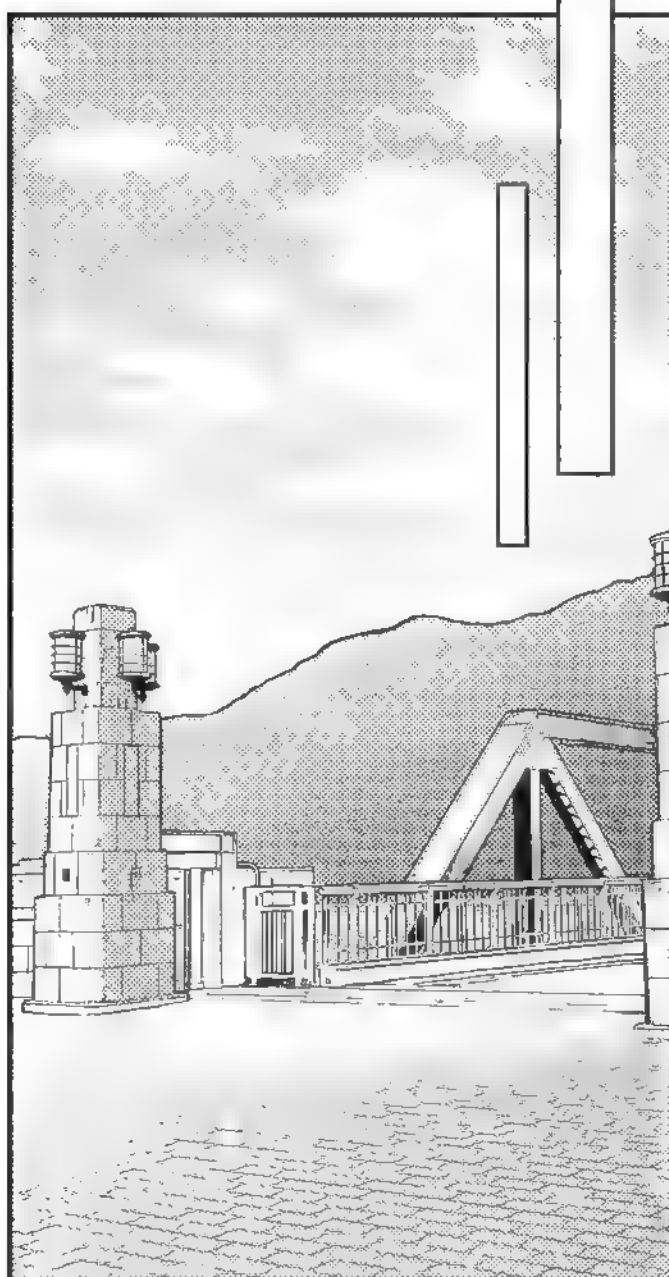
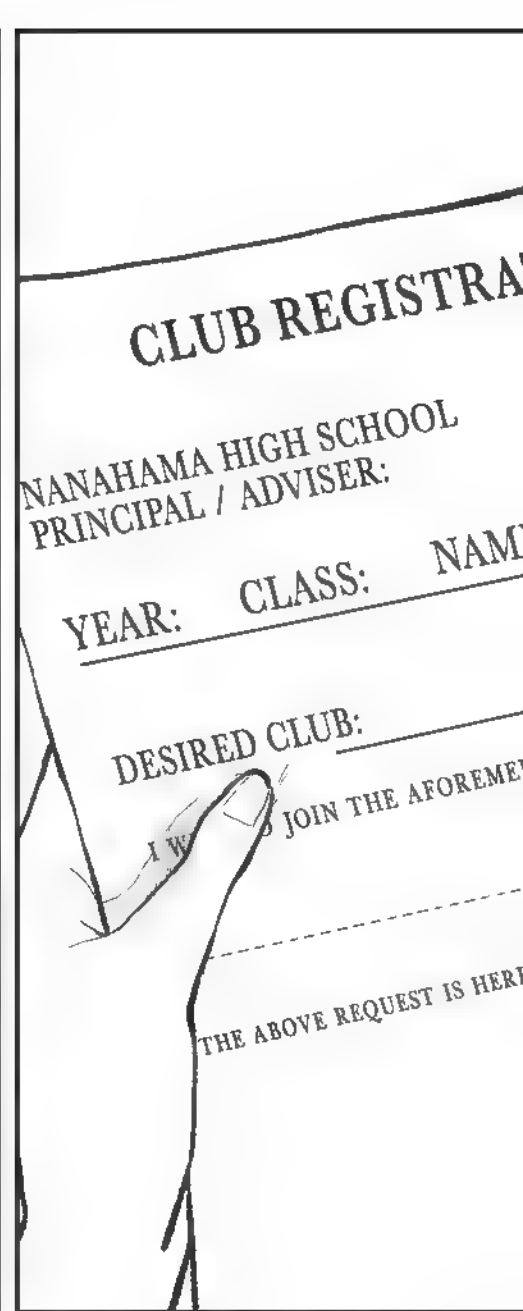
Of
course
she
isn't
here.

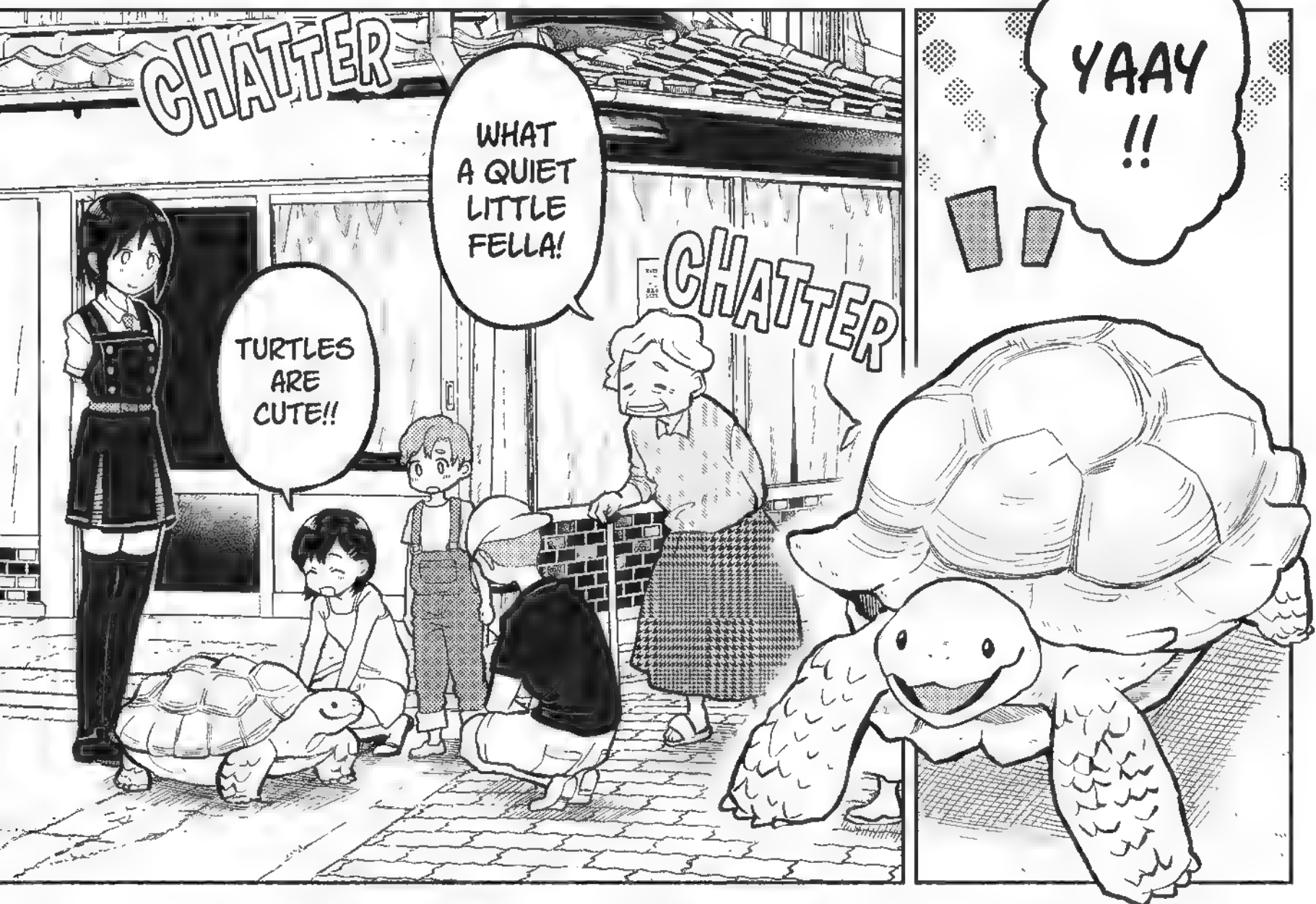


That
would
be too
conve-
nient.



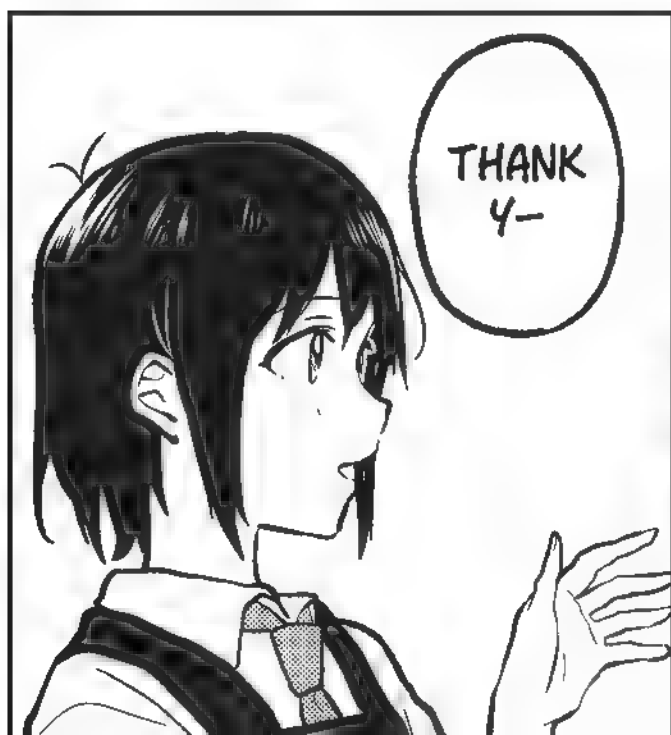
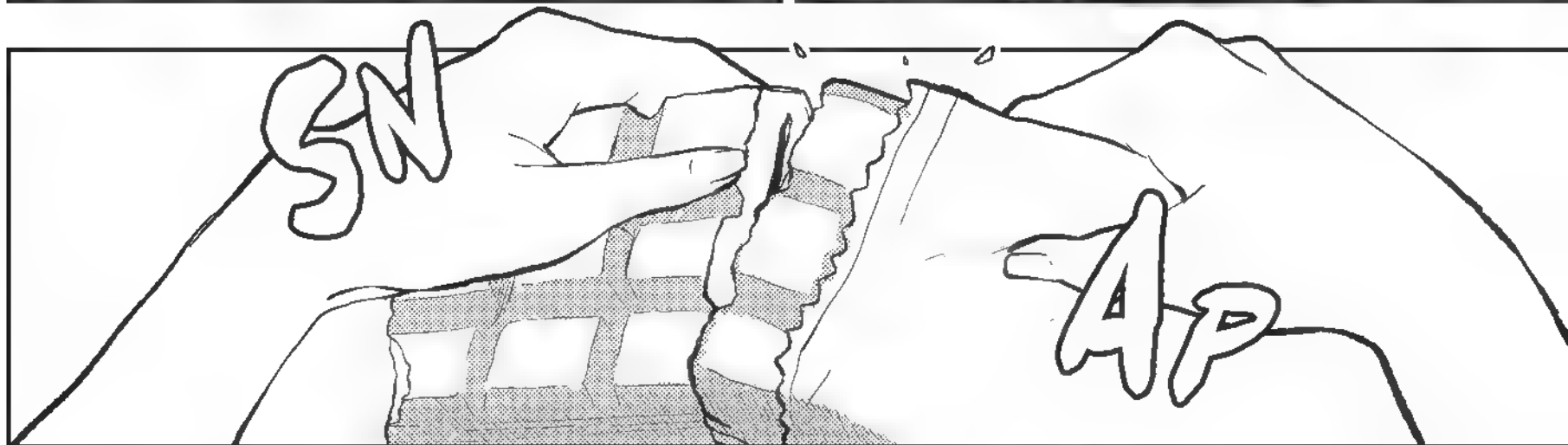






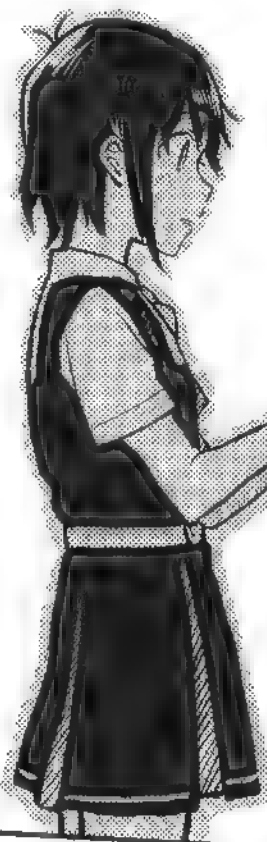








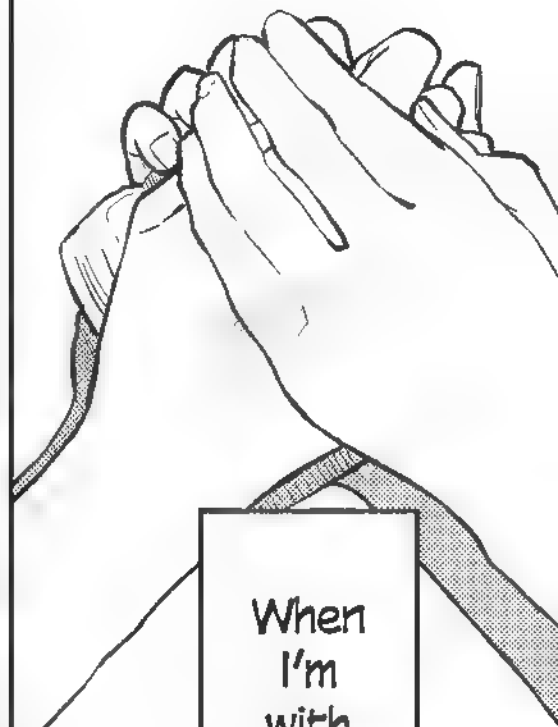
**IT'S
OKAY!
EAT IT
WITH
ME!**



Don't
tell our
teacher!

...I feel
like the
snow
piled in
my heart
starts
to melt.

okay!



When
I'm
with
Konatsu
...



WHO IS
THE
AQUARIUM
CLUB'S
ADVISER?



HONAMI
?



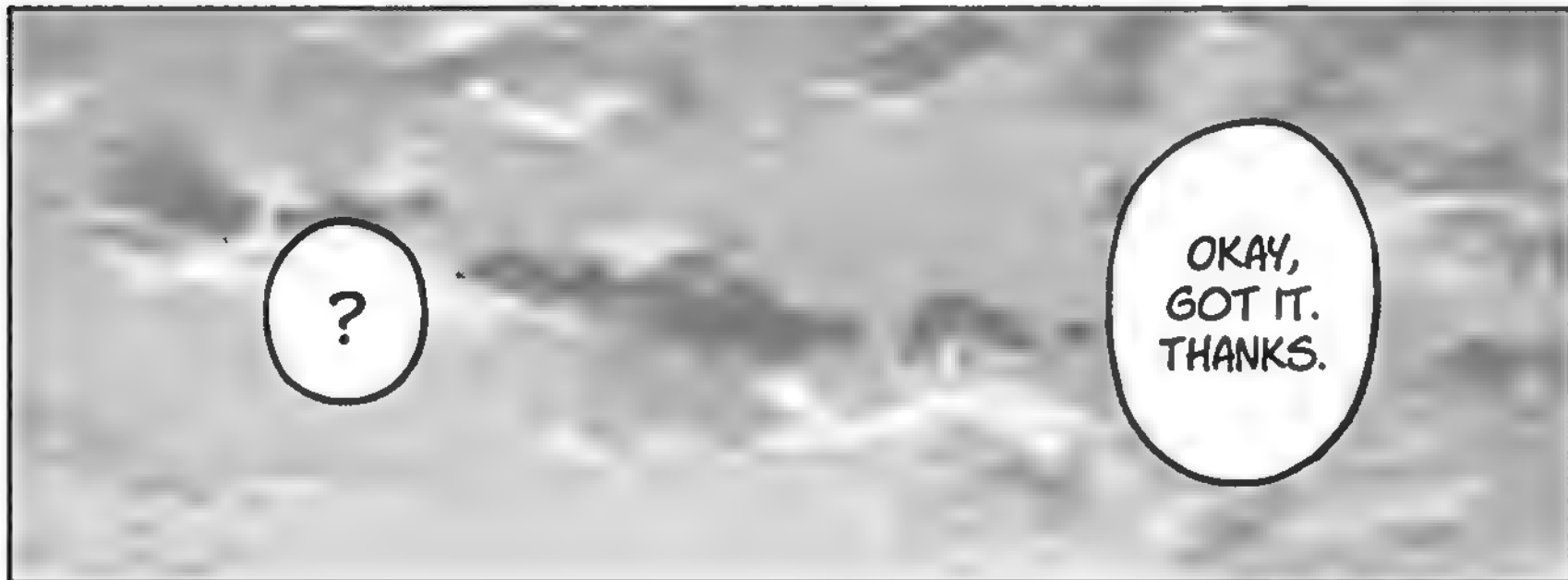
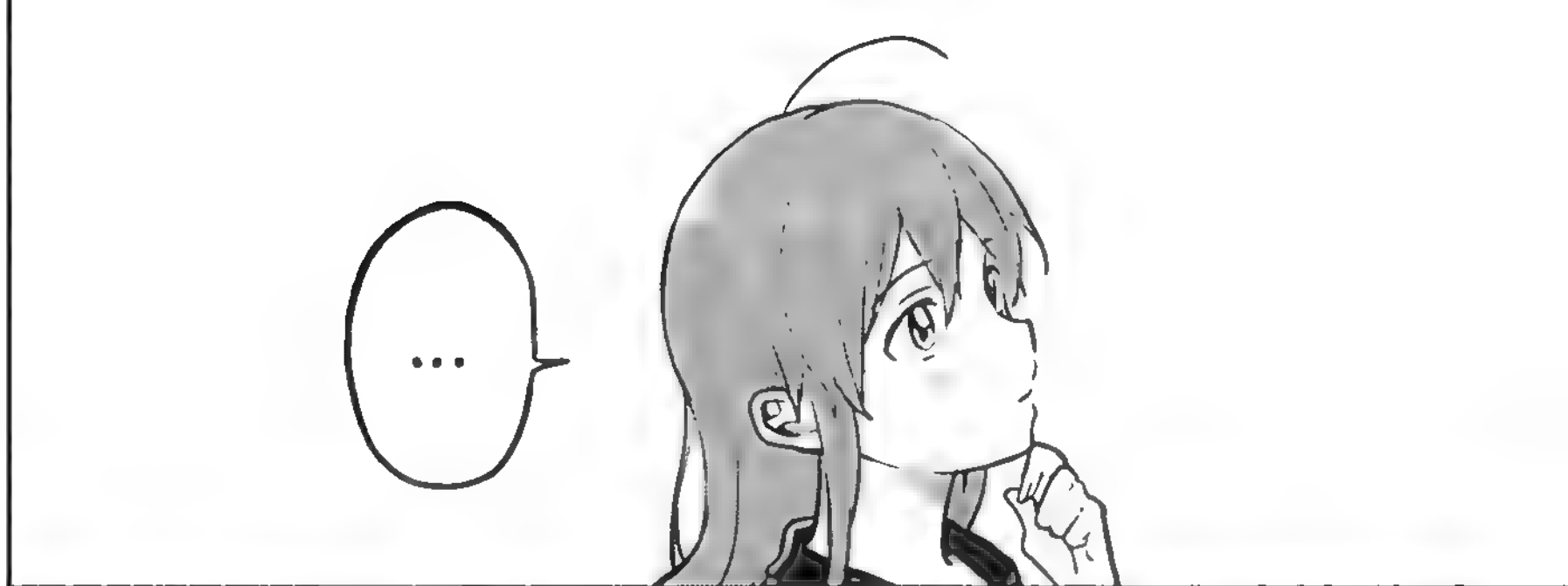
YES.
HE'S A
TEACHER
AND
CLUB
ADVISER.

IS
HE
YOUR
DAD
?!



IT'S
MR.
HONAMI.

IT'S
MY
FATH-









SHE MOSTLY EATS MEAL-WORMS.

NO WAY!
NUH UH!
NEVER!!
WHAT IS THAT?!
BUGS?!
GROSS!!



THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?



NGYAAAAHHH!!

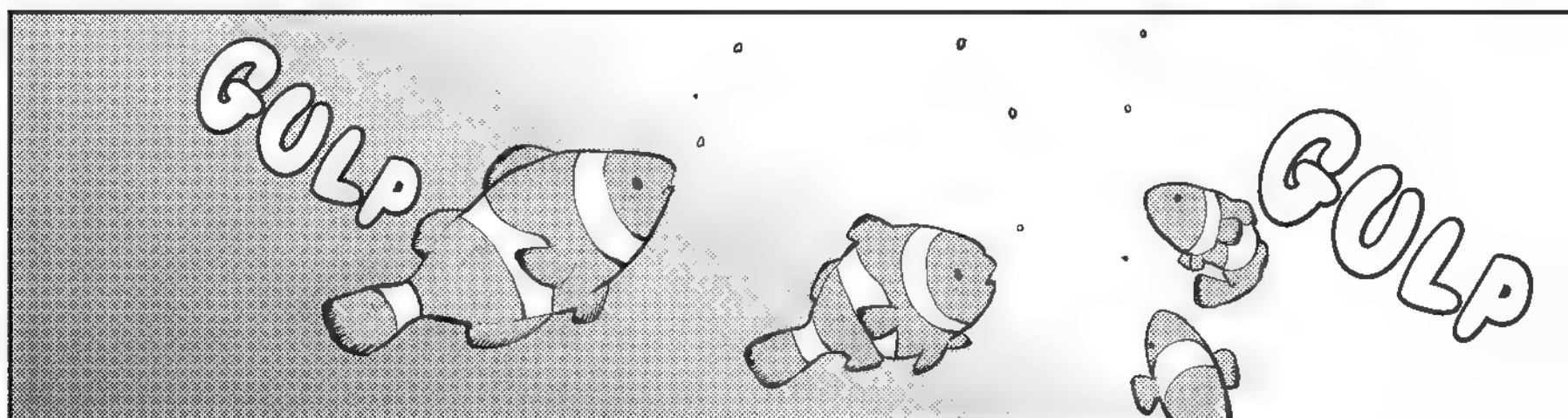
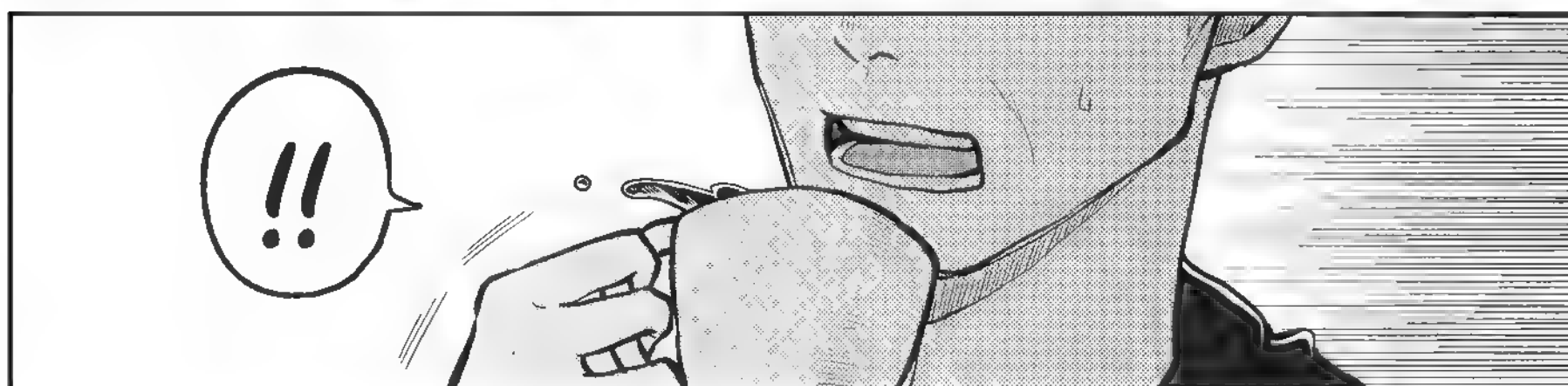


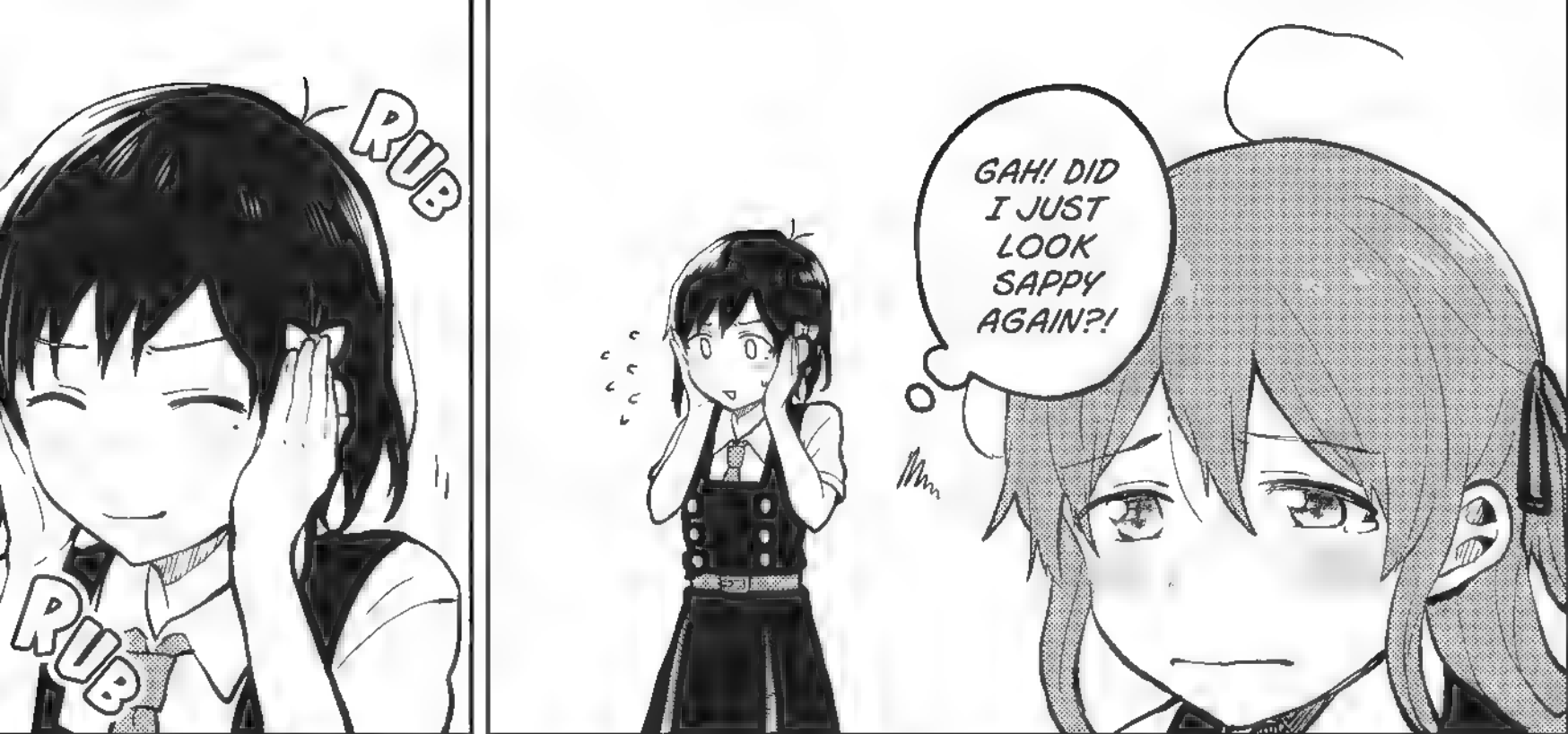
GYAAAAHHH!!



A GIRL PROBABLY SPOTTED A COCK-ROACH.

IS THAT SCREAMING?









B REGISTRA

SCHOOL

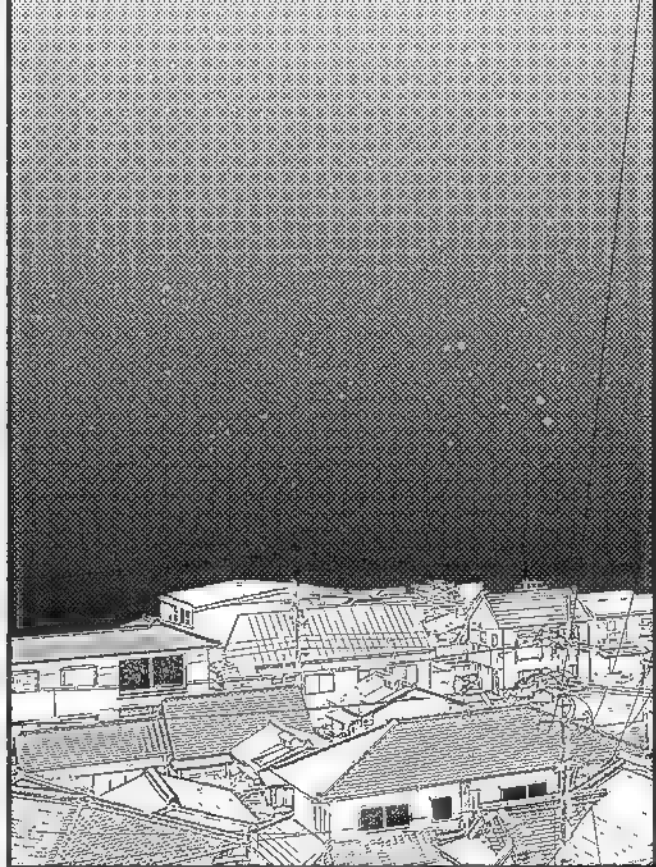
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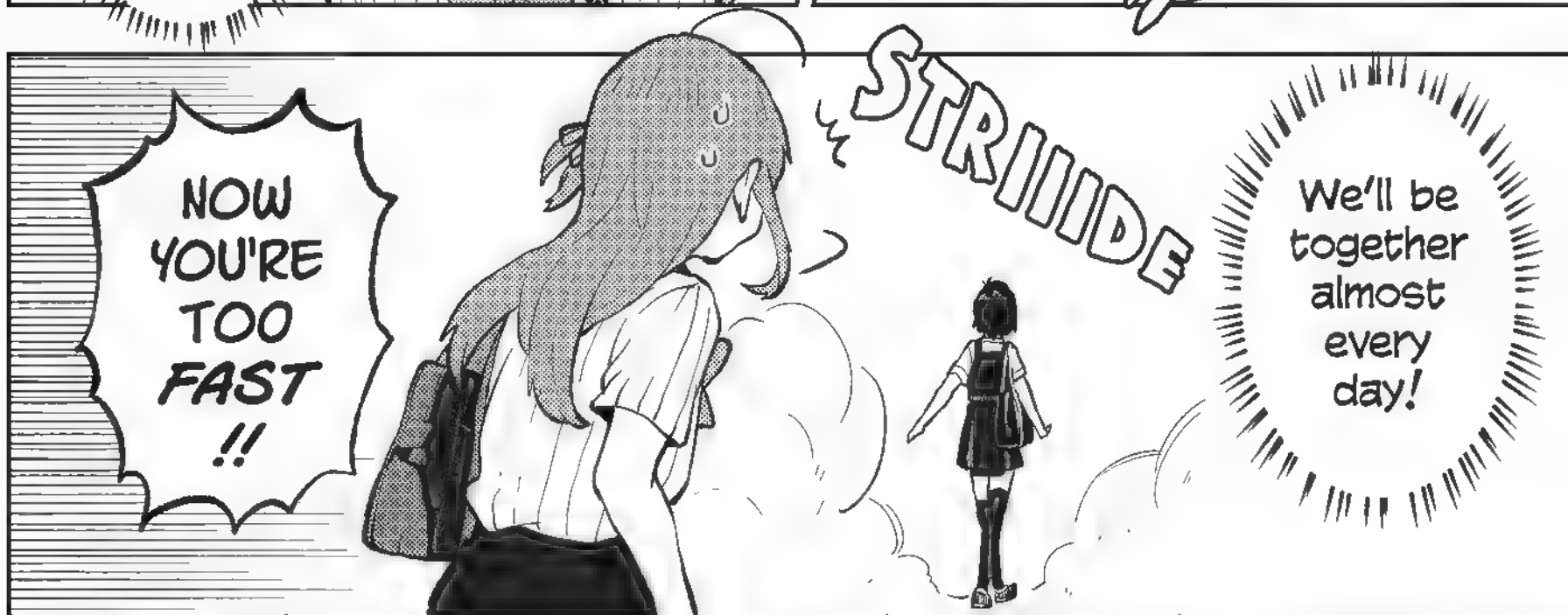
AQUARIUM CLUB

ENTIONED CLUB, SO

DATE: SEAL:
SEAL:
SEAL:
SEAL:







Because Konatsu joined the Aquarium Club!!





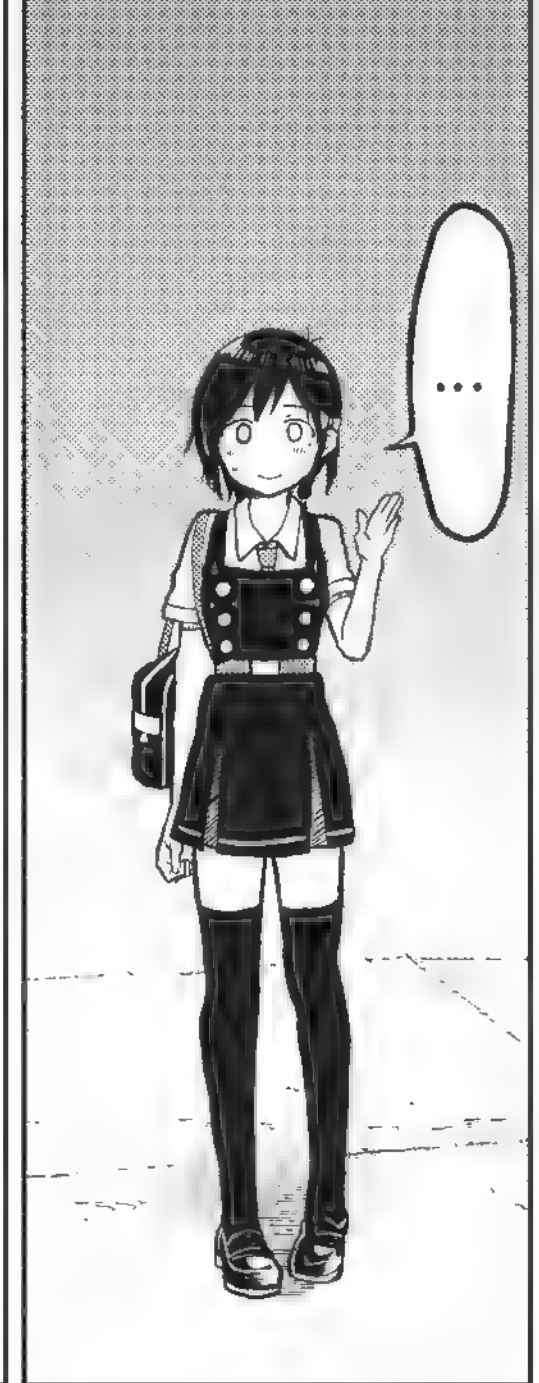


SEE
YOU
TOMOR-
ROW.

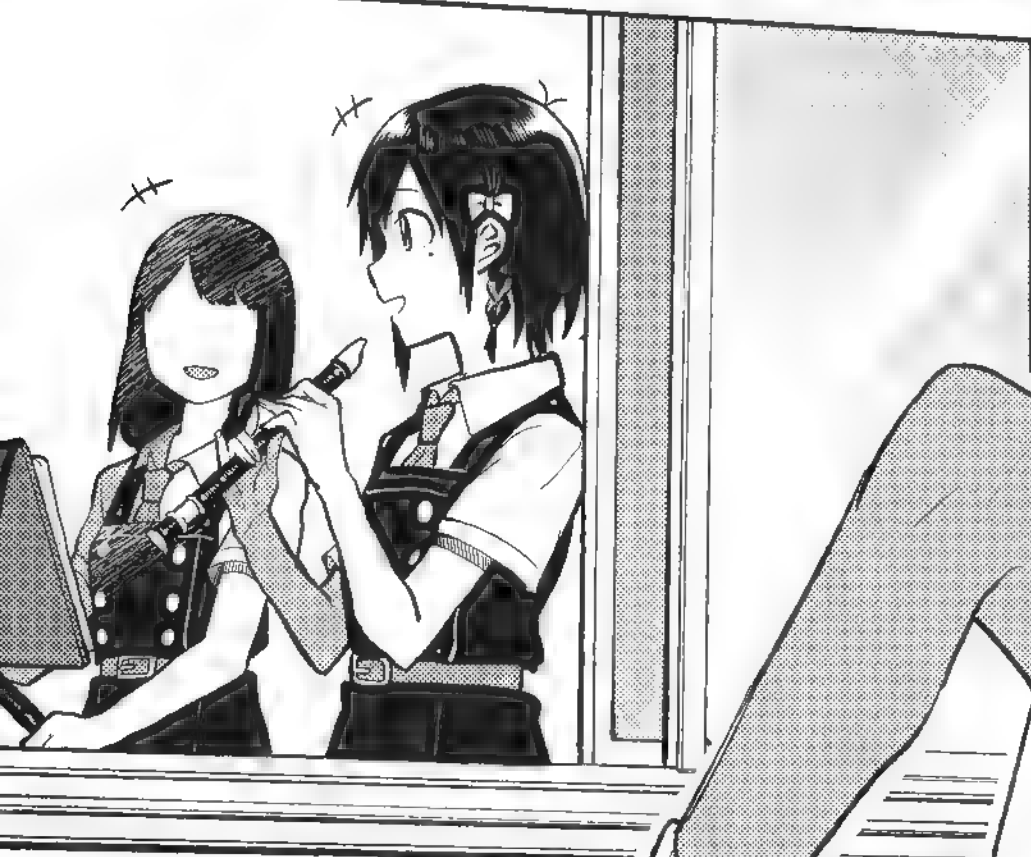


SEE
YOU
TOMOR-
ROW!

Y-
YEAH.







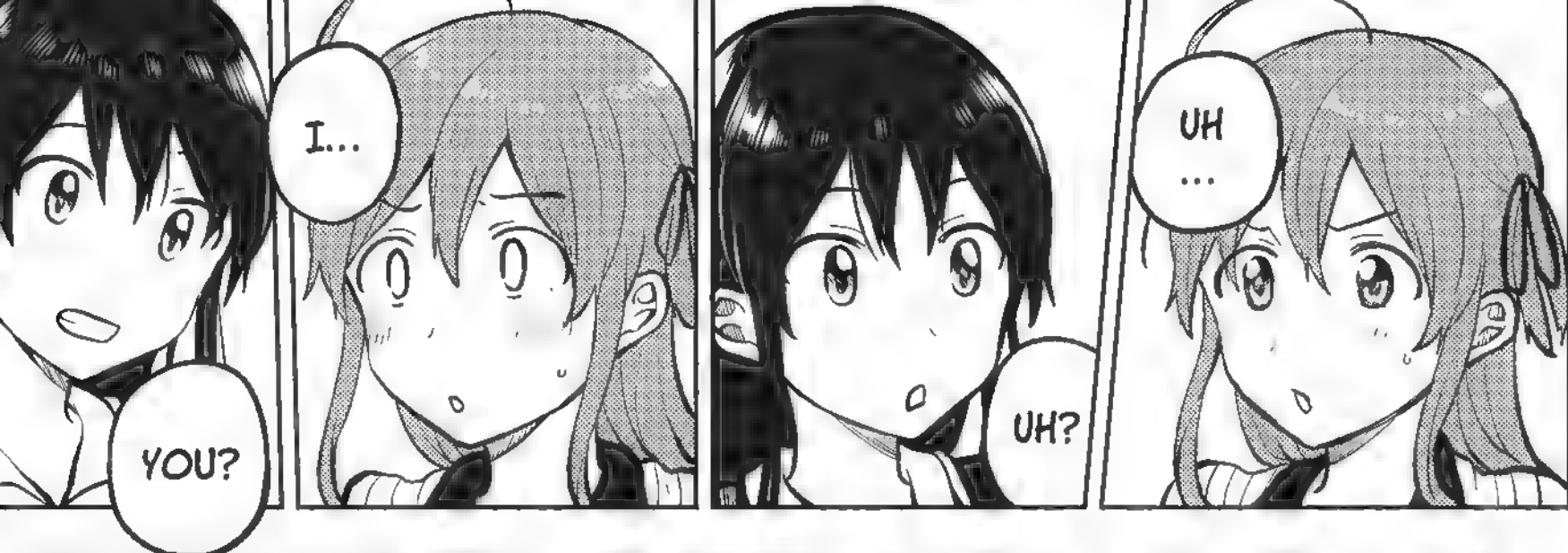














First
Aquarium Seminar
Club

In quiz
format!!!

...SO I'M
GOING
TO TEACH
YOU
ABOUT
FISH!

NEXT
WEEK
IS YOUR
FIRST
AQUARIUM
OPEN
HOUSE
...



KO-
NATSU
?

SLUMP

I
NEVER
DID
TELL
KAEDE
...



SIGH

...N
A
T
S
U.

But the
longer
I put it
off, the
harder it
will get.





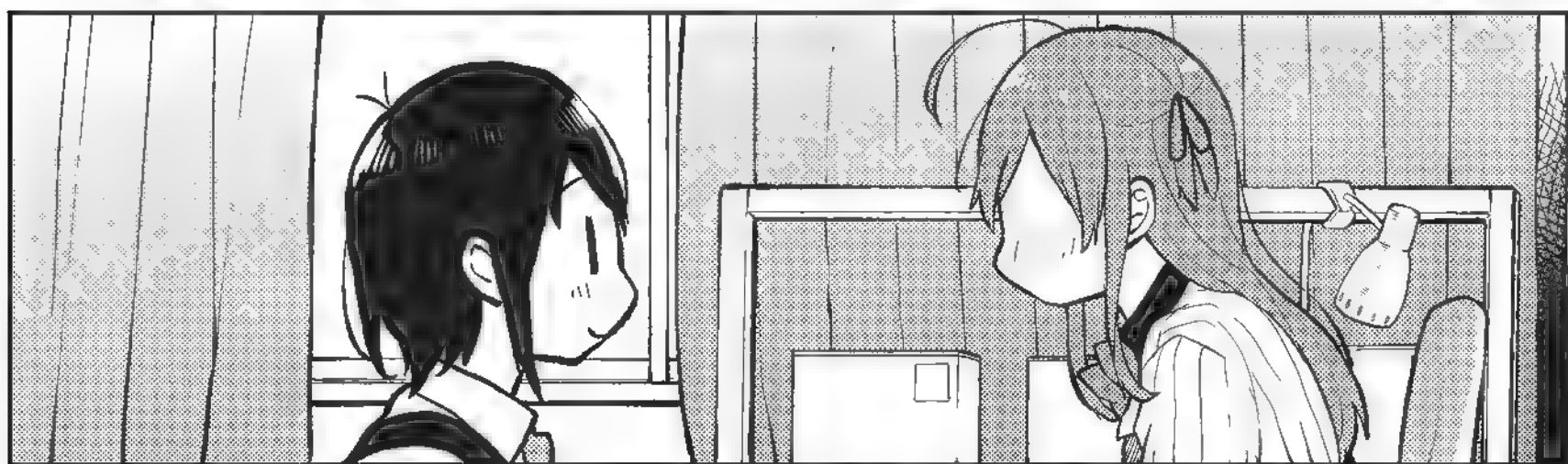


THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
TOLD
ME.



YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
JUST
GRIN AND
BEAR IT.

?!



I HAVE
TO TELL
HER, BUT
I'M AFRAID
OF HOW
SHE'LL
TAKE IT.

BUT YOU
TWO LOOKED
SO CLOSE
DURING P.E.

HIROSE
?



I'M
NOT A
CHILD!

DON'T ACT
LIKE MY
MOTHER!

IF YOU
CAN'T TELL
HER ON YOUR
OWN, WANT
ME TO GO
WITH YOU?

THEN
YOU CAN
DO IT
ALONE?

...MAYBE.

YES...





GET
BACK
HERE,
KAEDE!

KAEDE,
SHOULDN'T
YOU HELP
YOUR *OWN*
GROUP?

Y
U
M
!!



M
M
M
M
!!



MM-
HMM.

HIROSE!
YOU'RE
IN CLASS
1-1 WITH
KONATSU
AMANO,
RIGHT?

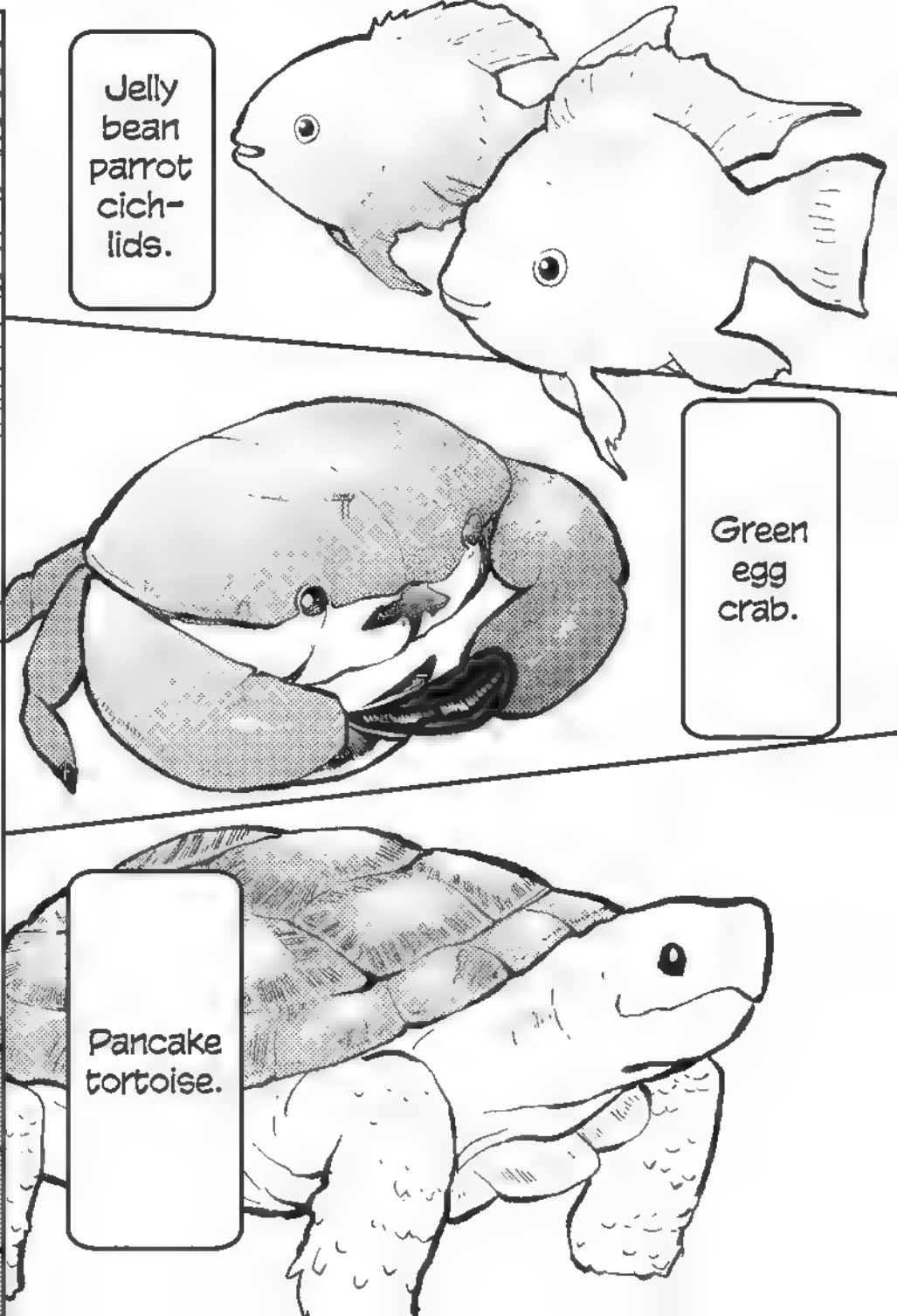
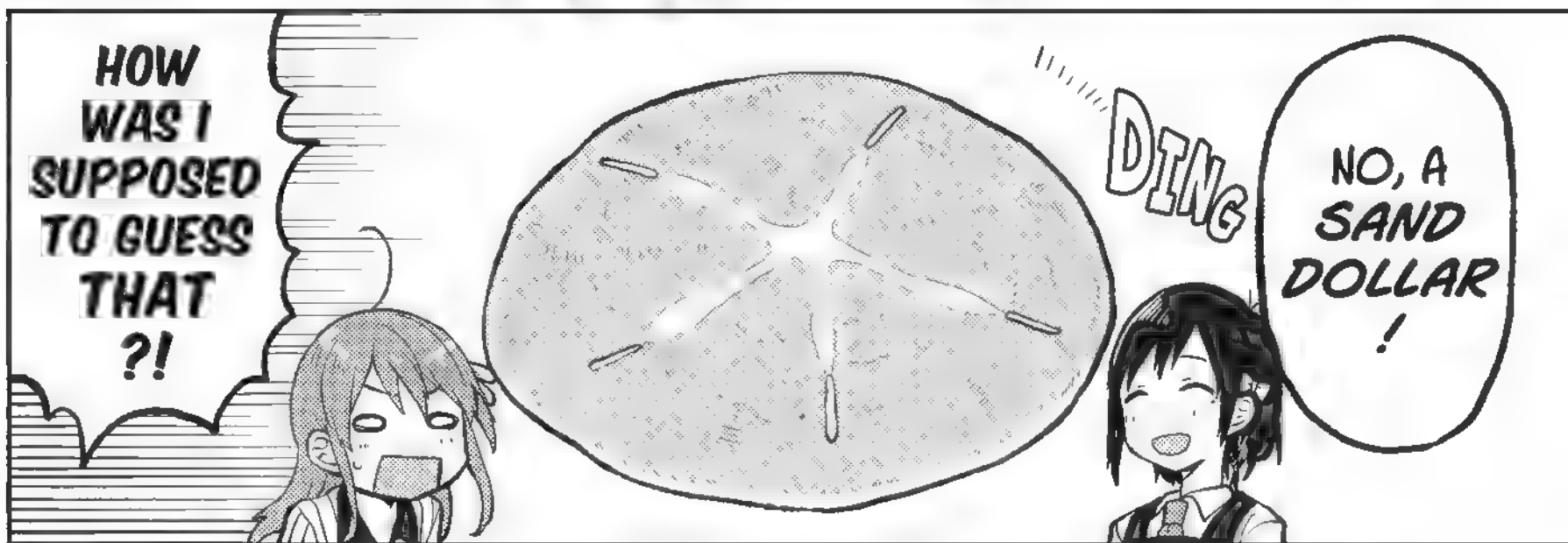


I WISH
SHE
WORKED
THAT
HARD
ALL THE
TIME!

You guys on a date?! Come
see the fishies!!

HMPH!
BUT
SHE'LL GO
ALL OUT
AT THE
OPEN
HOUSE!





RATTLE

I'M
HIROSE
FROM
THE
HOME EC
CLUB!

HELLO
!!!

**Nok
Nok
Nok**

**AMA-
NOOO
!!!**

BABMP

HOW
DID
SHE
KNOW
I WAS
HERE
?!

I'm so glad
you're
here!

BABMP

**Kaede
?!**







...

I can tell her...



WAIST... XX CENTI-METERS ...



UM... HIROSE?

Now's the time !!!



YOUR CLUB?

THE CLUB I JOINED ...







PEOPLE SAY I'VE GOT A SCREW LOOSE!

Ah ha ha! My bad!

I'M SUCH A WORRY-WART...

G
L
O
O
M



KONATSU!



FWIP

...by my
first
name?

BY
THE
WAY
...

Hm?
Did
she
just
call
me...

...I
NEED
YOUR HELP
WITH
SOME-
THING!

I HOPE
KONATSU
DID ALL
RIGHT...

MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH







YEAH.
SOME-
TIMES I
COOKED
FOR MY
DAD.

SO
YOU
MADE
THEM?



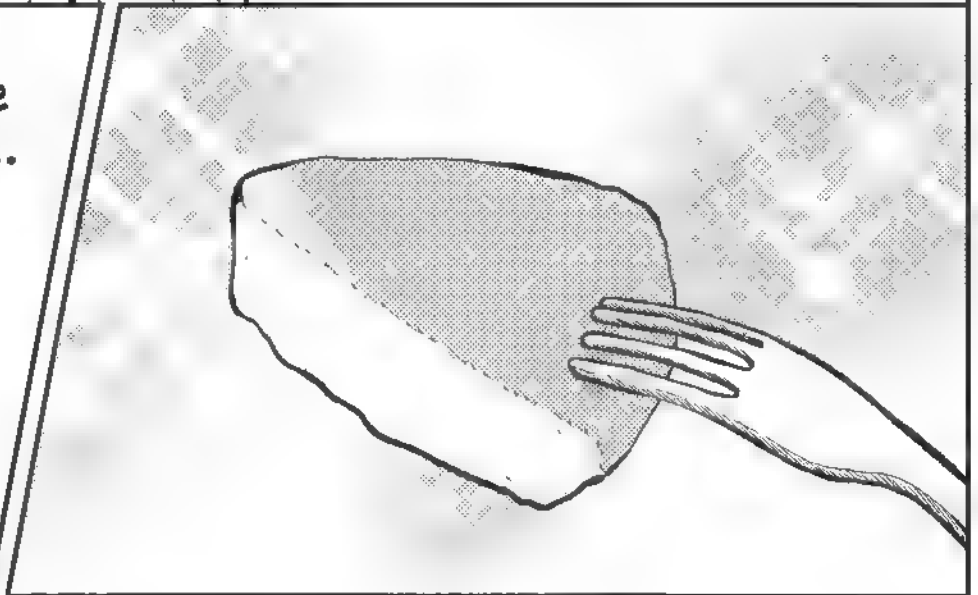
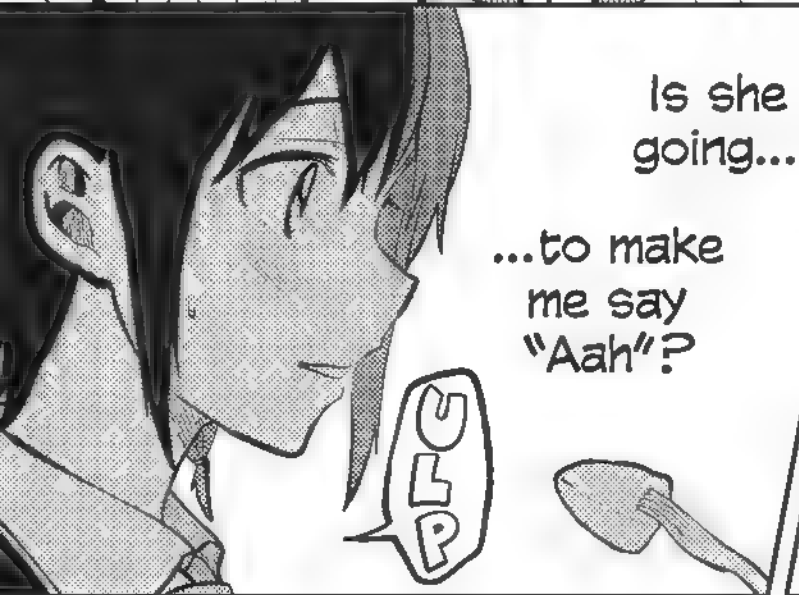
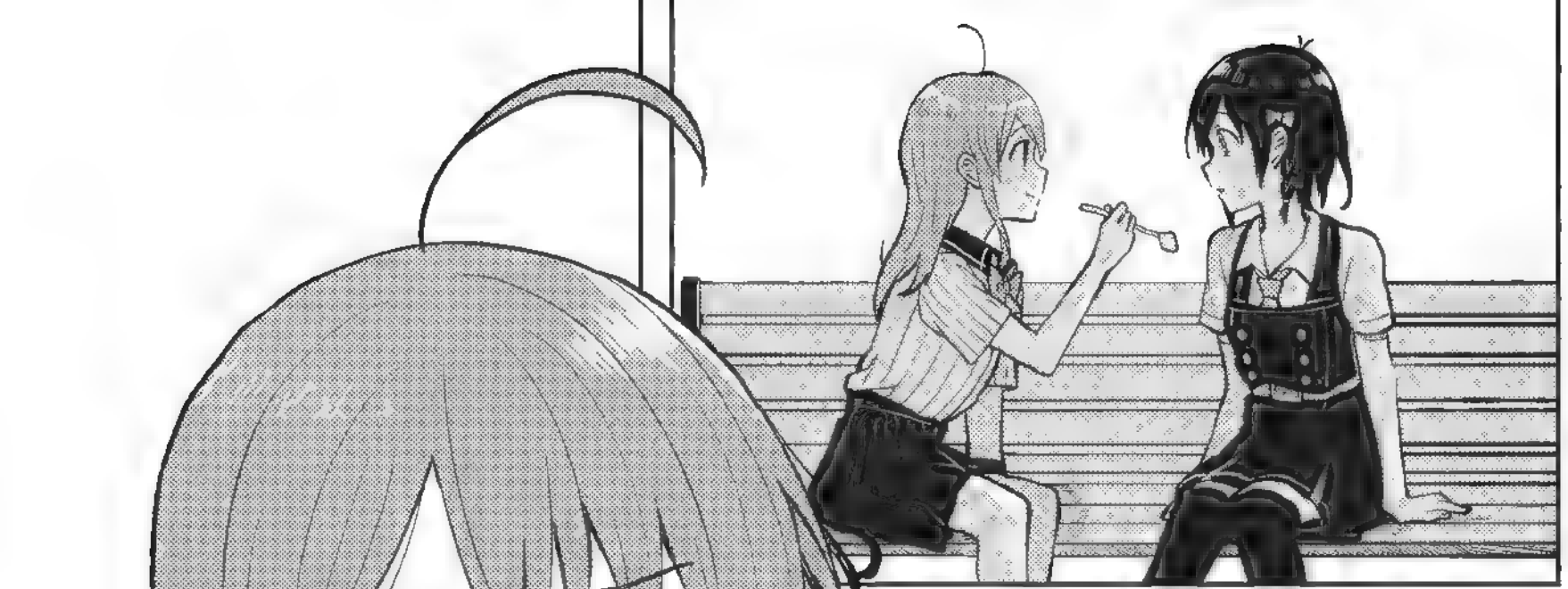
...SO
THEY
ASKED
ME TO
HELP
OUT.

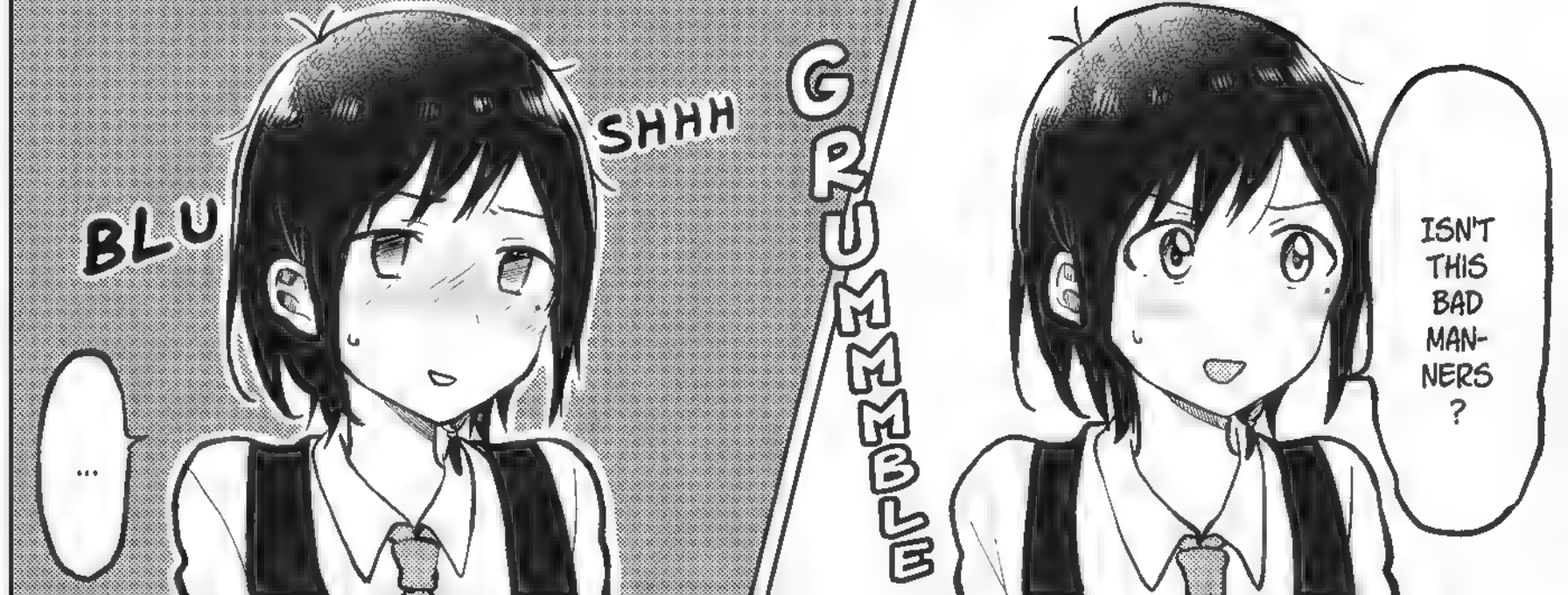
THE HOME
EC CLUB
WAS HAVING
TROUBLE
THINKING UP
DISHES...

PANCAKE
TORTOISE
PANCAKES!

HERE!









...so I'm sorry, but...

You taught me proper manners...

Mom... Dad... Grand-mother...



H U H ?

GIVE ME ANOTHER BITE.



HEW CHEW CHEW

...



...I'm beyond hope.

NOM

NOM

YES.

DOES IT TASTE GOOD?

...

CHEW
CHEW
CHEW

IS
THERE
ANY
MORE?

CHEW
CHEW

AND
ANOTHER
ONE.





Tank 4: Koyuki Honami Can't Bear It



WOW!
IT
LOOKS
AWESOME
ON
YOU!!



It's a
miracle!

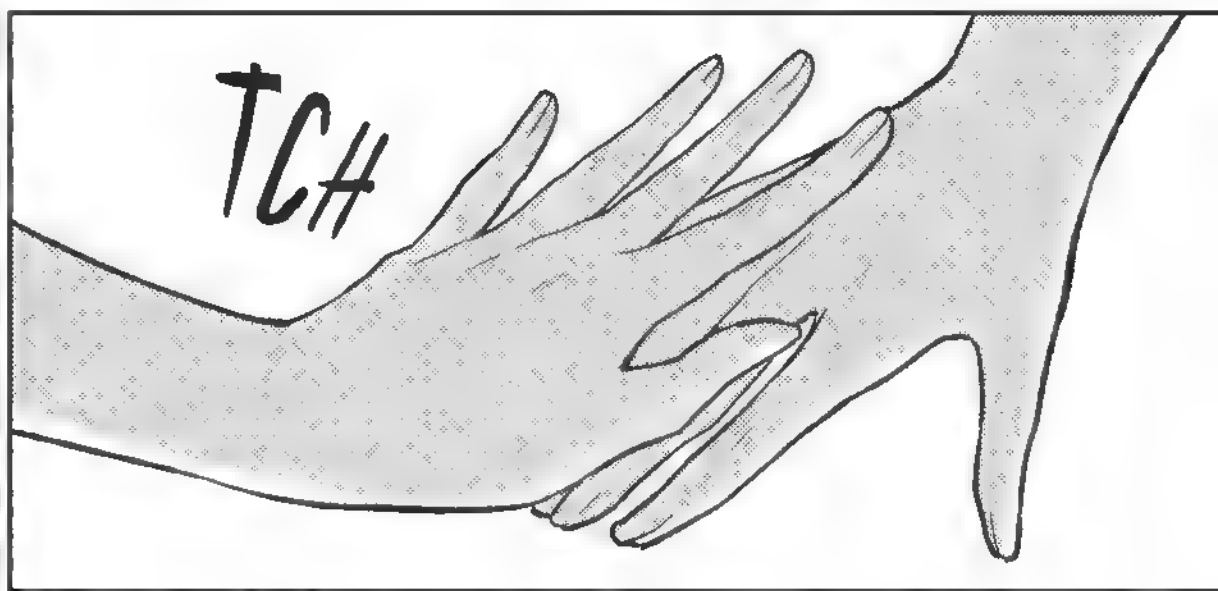
I've
never seen
Kaede
work so
hard.

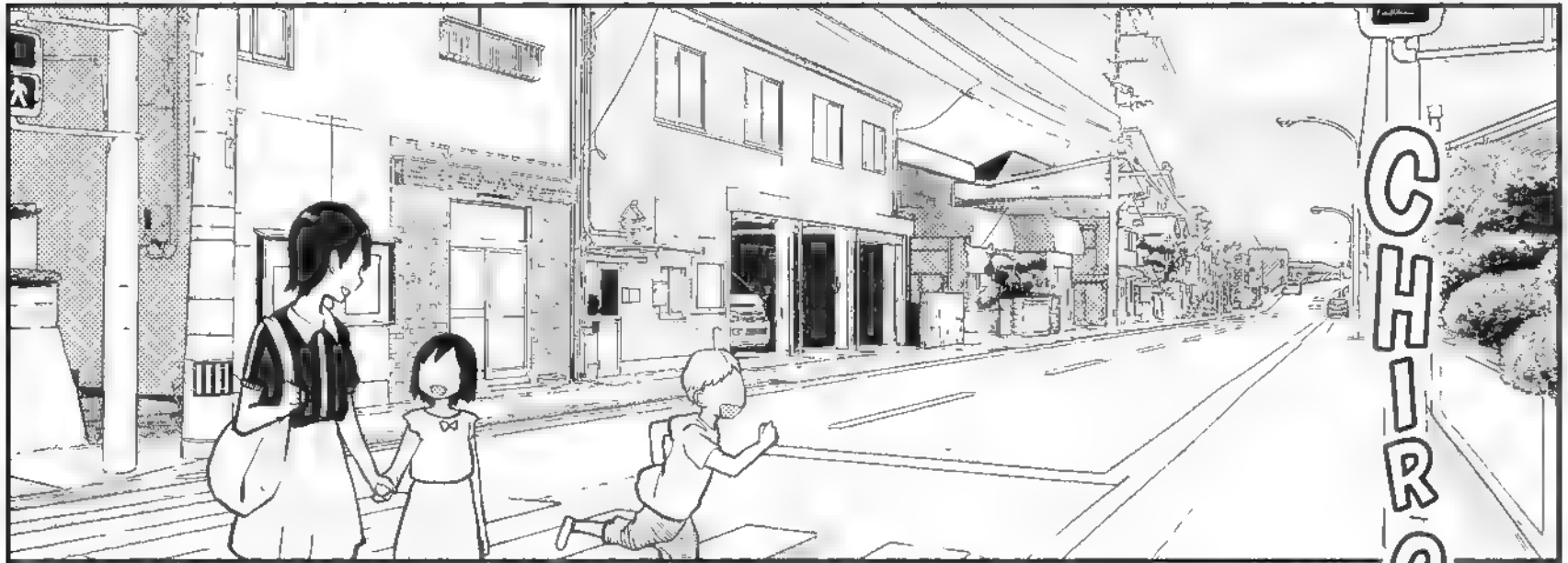
IT'S A
LITTLE
WARM
...



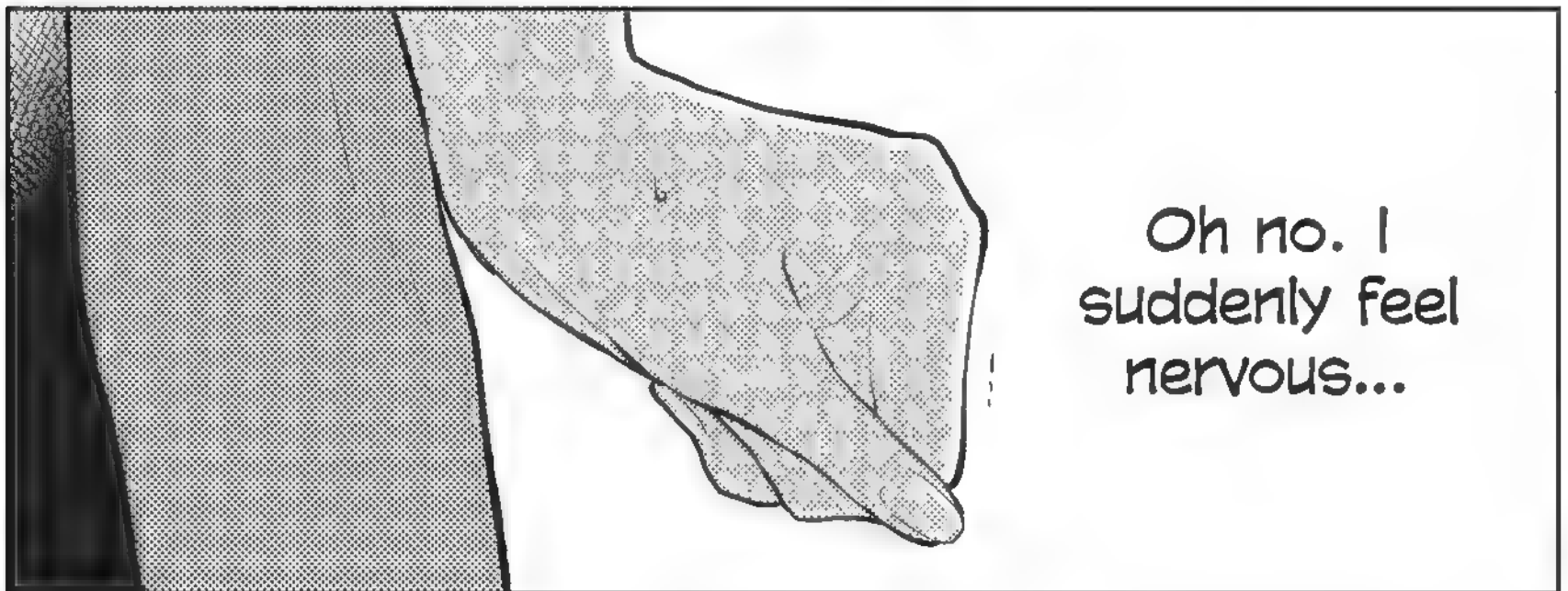
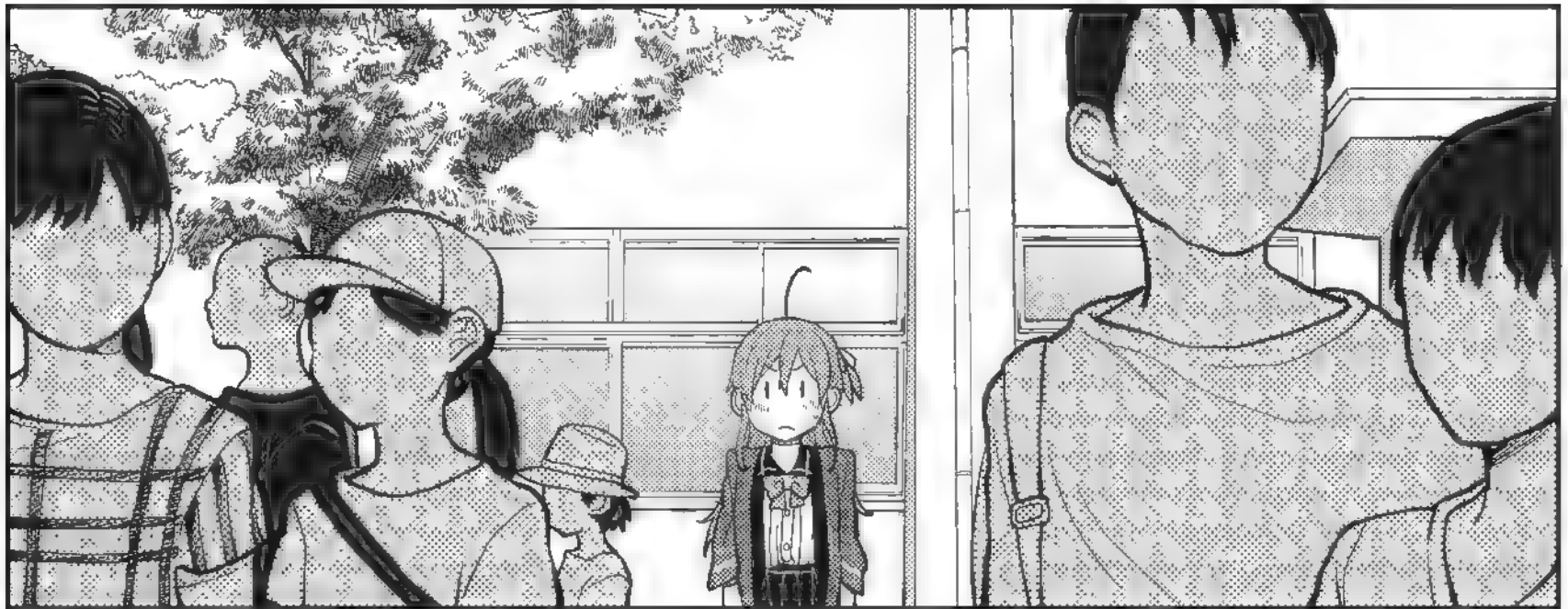


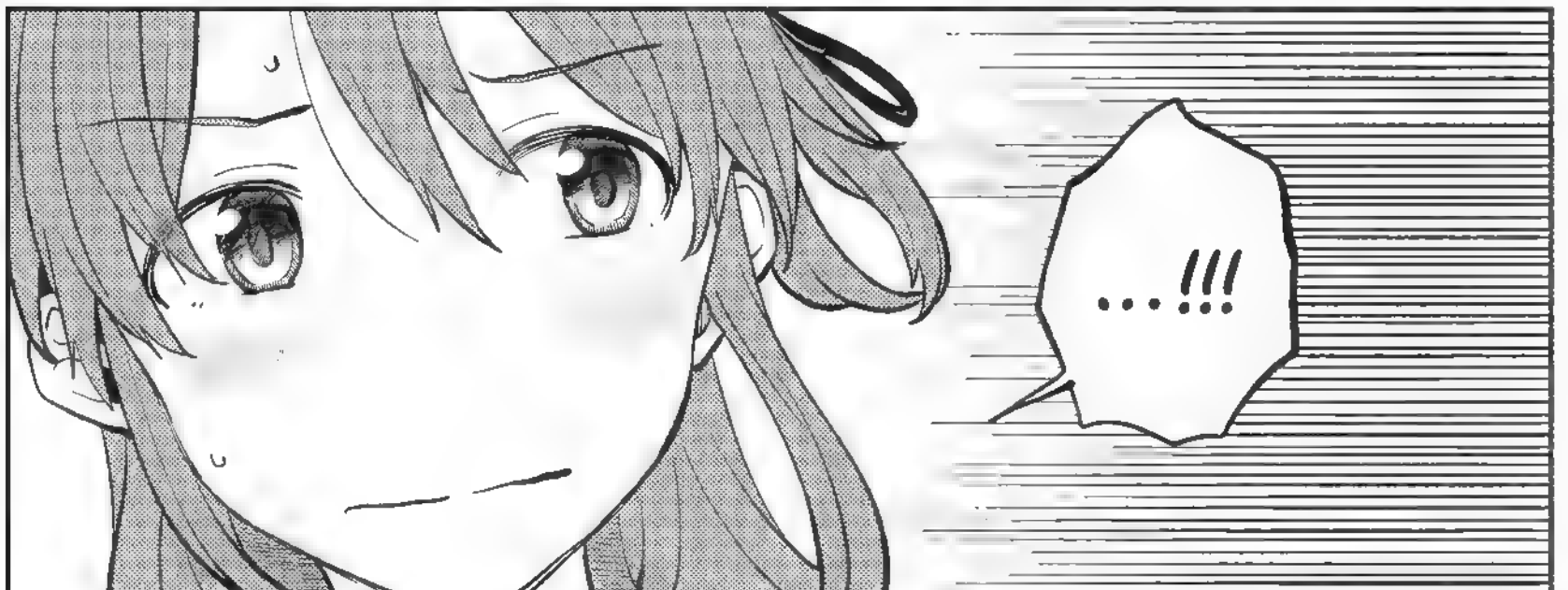
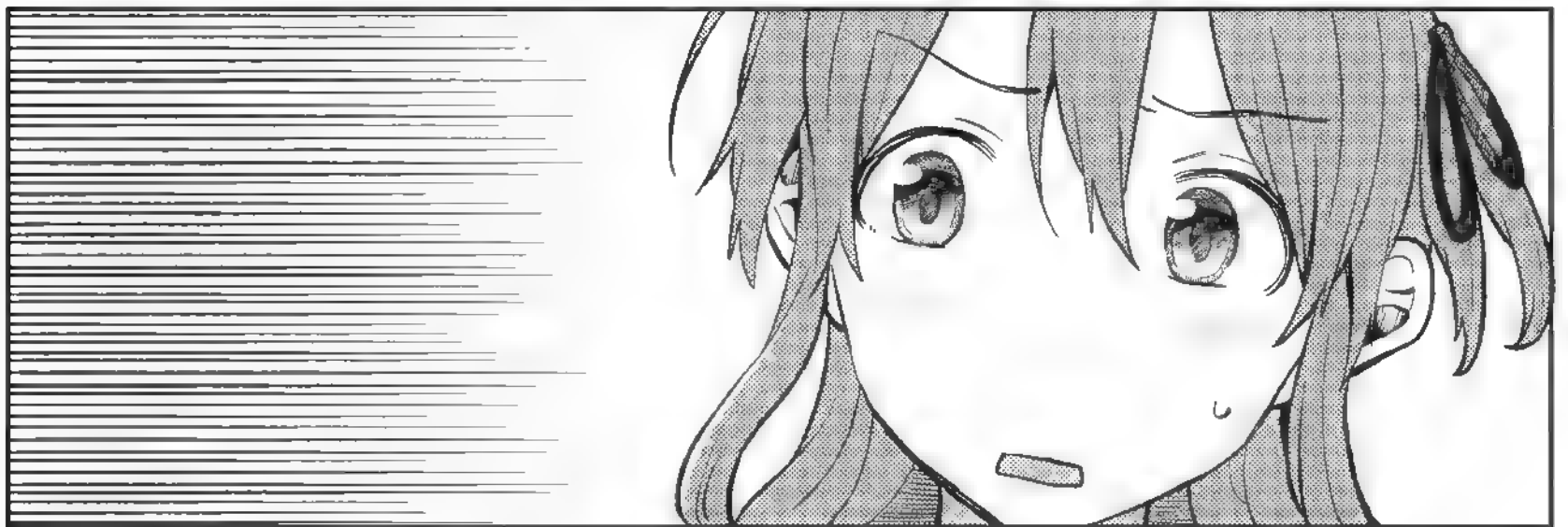


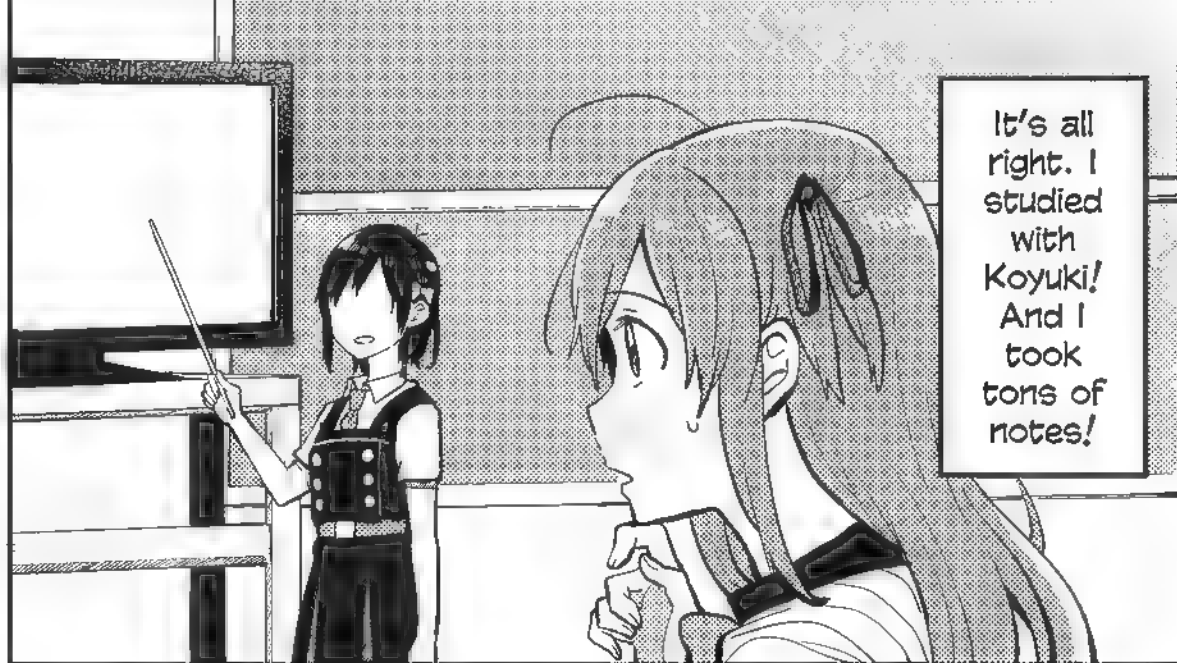












It's all right. I studied with Koyuki! And I took tons of notes!



But just in case, supposedly if you ...

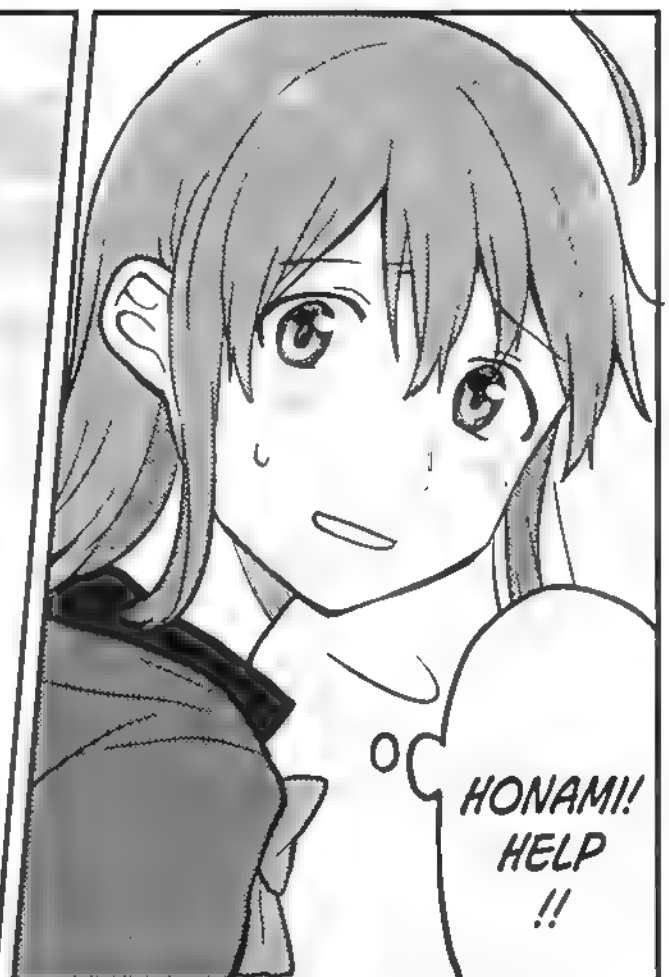


...WRITE THE KANJI FOR "PEOPLE" ...

...ON YOUR HAND AND SWALLOW IT...

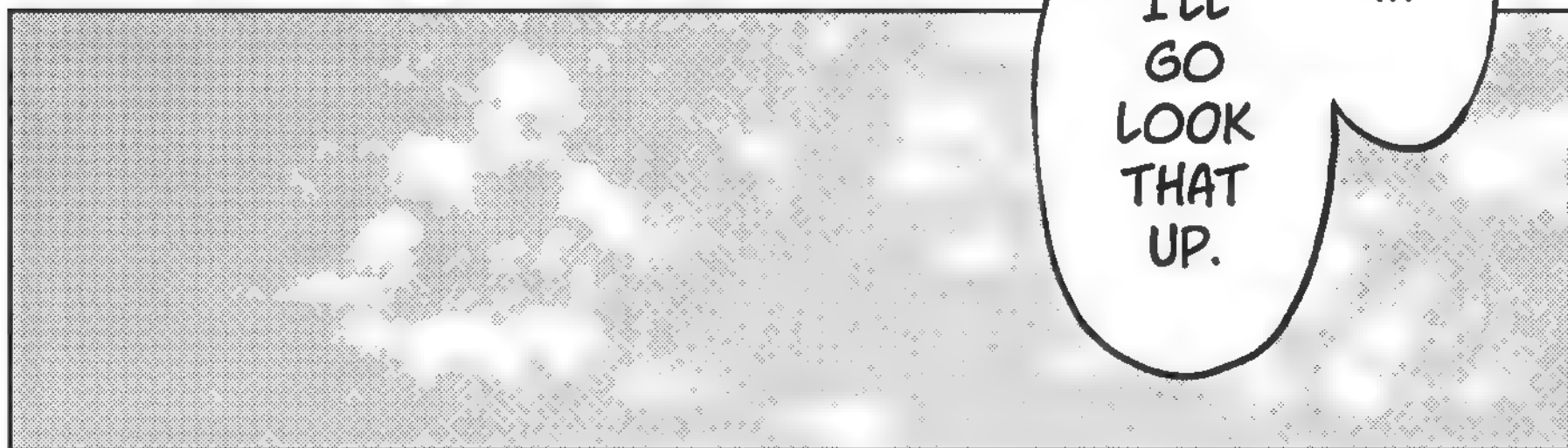
...YOU WON'T BE NERVOUS!







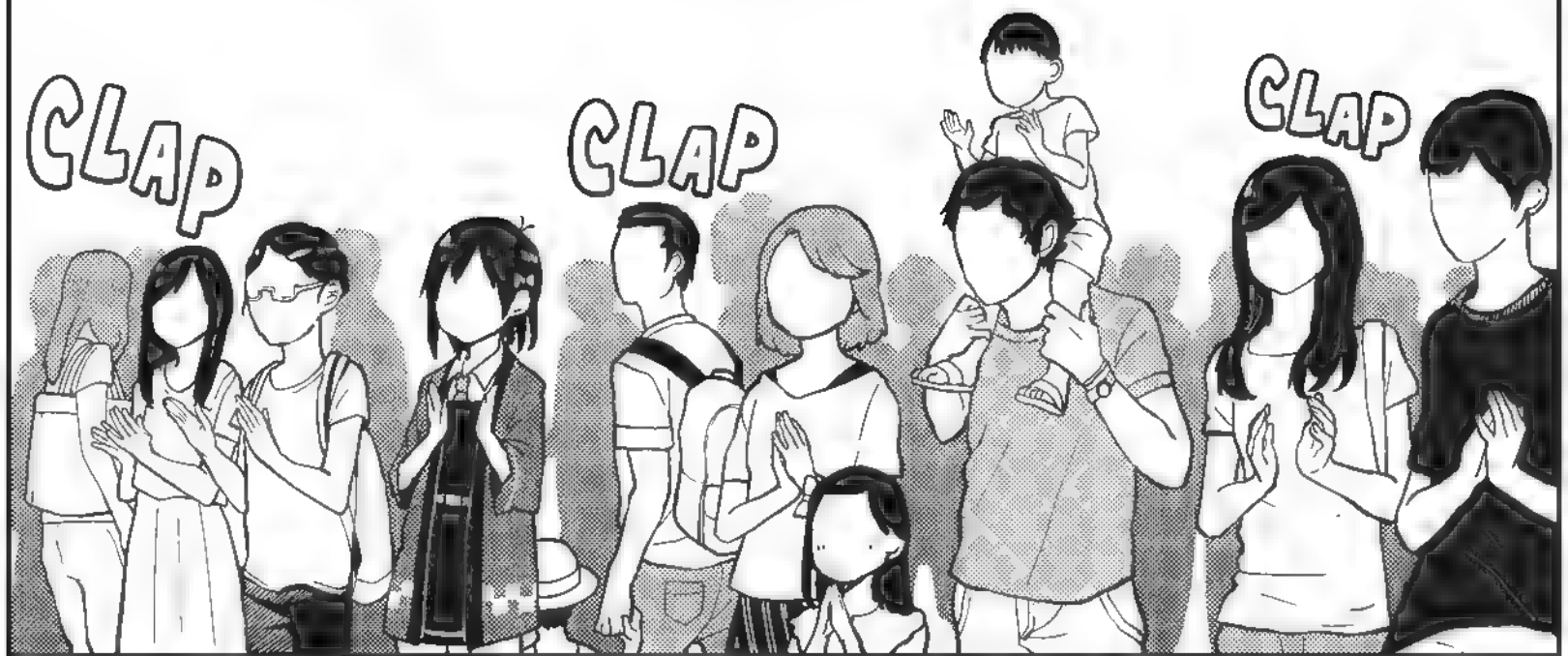
UGH



I'LL
GO
LOOK
THAT
UP.

SORRY
...











OH...

HM?



Konatsu,
you
seem
bummed!

SWOOSH

Have
some
cold
tea!!

Thanks!



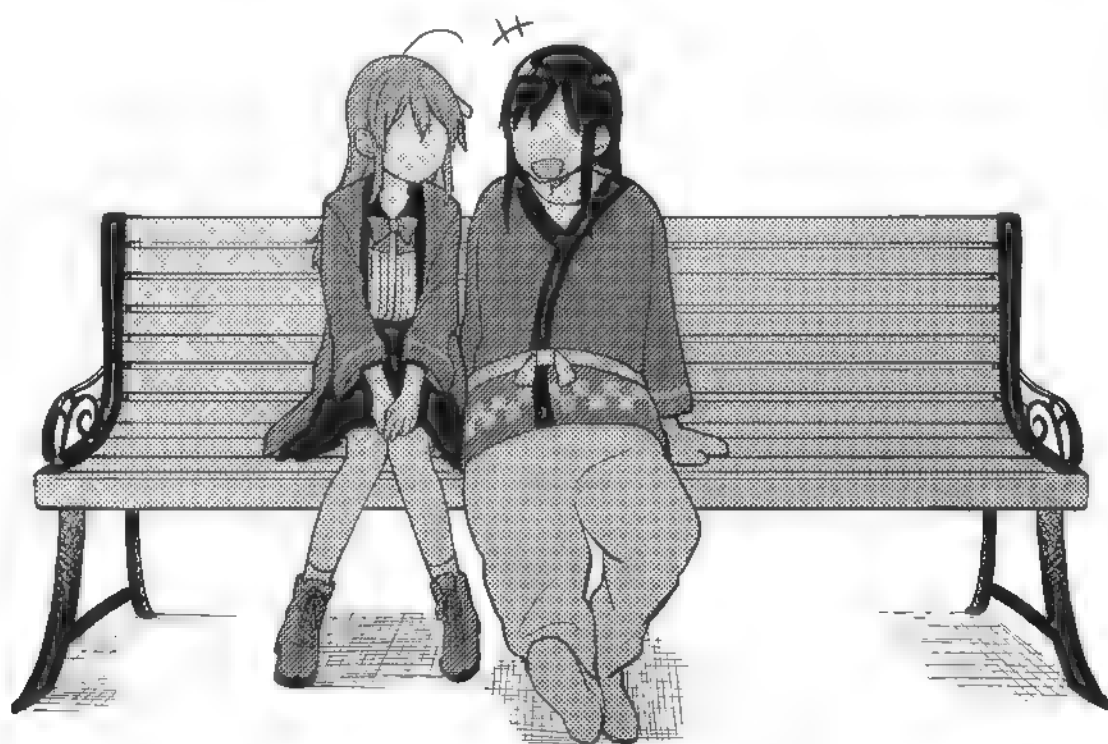
Hirose
!!

GOOD
WORK,
HONAMI!
!!

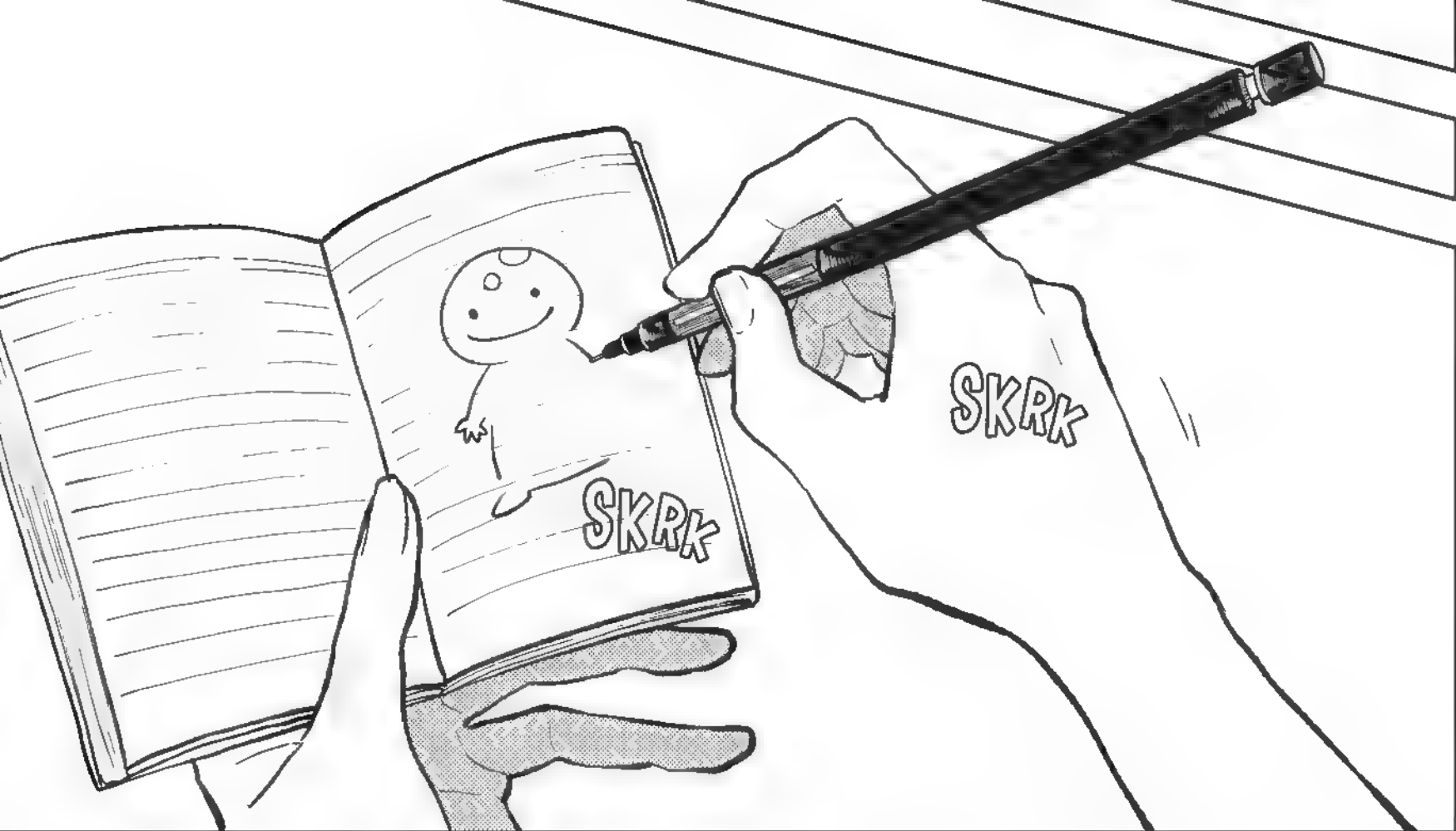




There's
no
space
for
me.





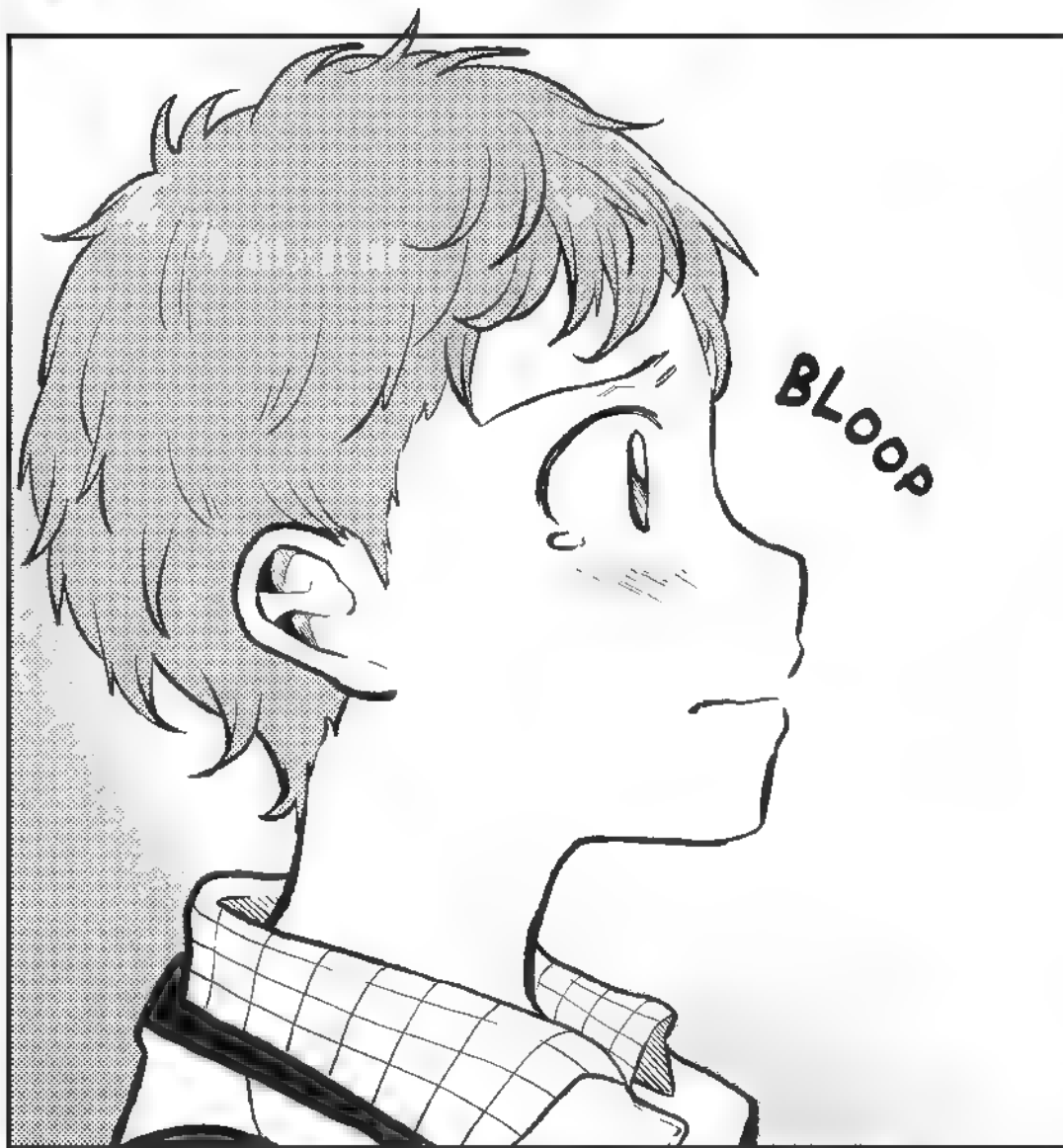




That's
Koyuki's
tank.



LET'S
WAIT!
I'M
SURE
IT'LL
COME
OUT!!



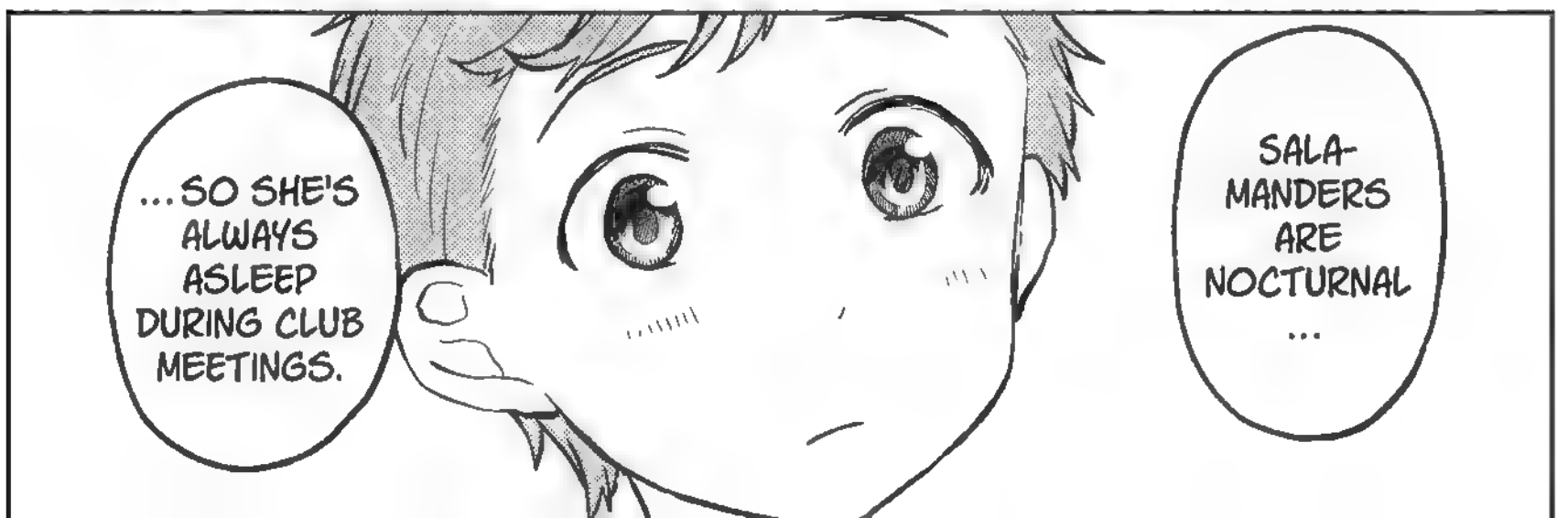
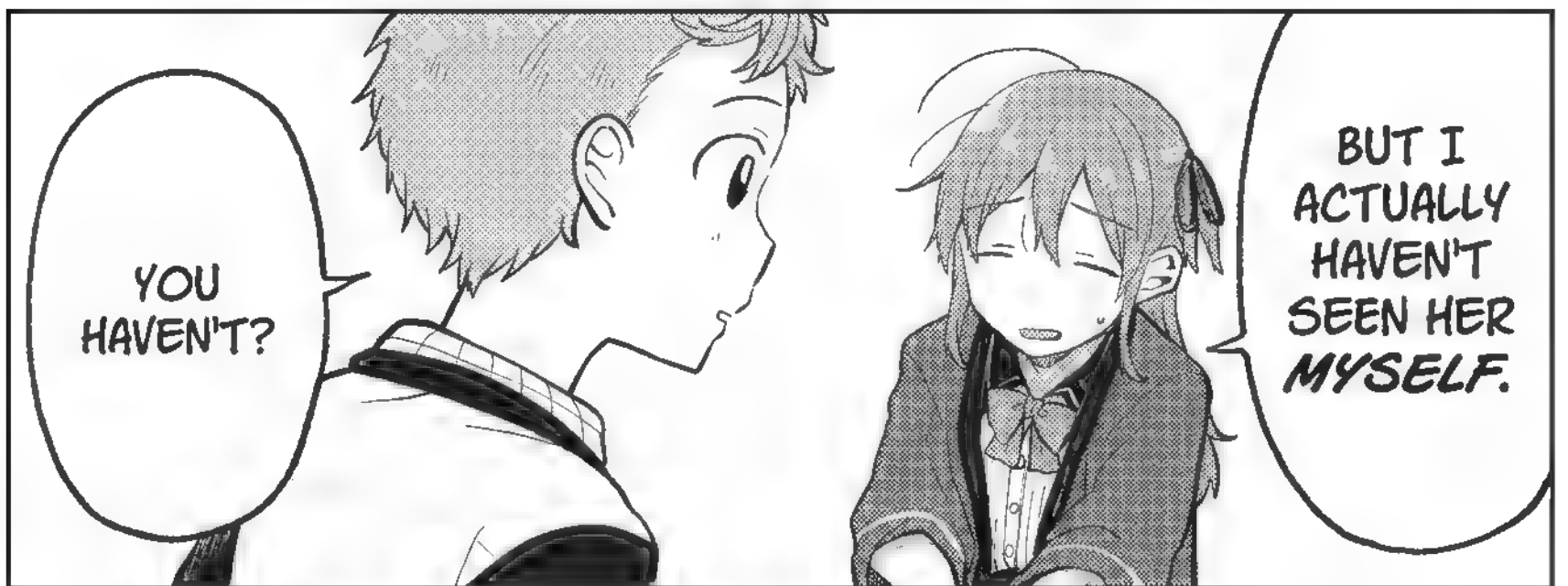
Bloop



SHOULD
I TALK
TO
THEM?

BUT
WHAT
IF I
FAIL
AGAIN
?



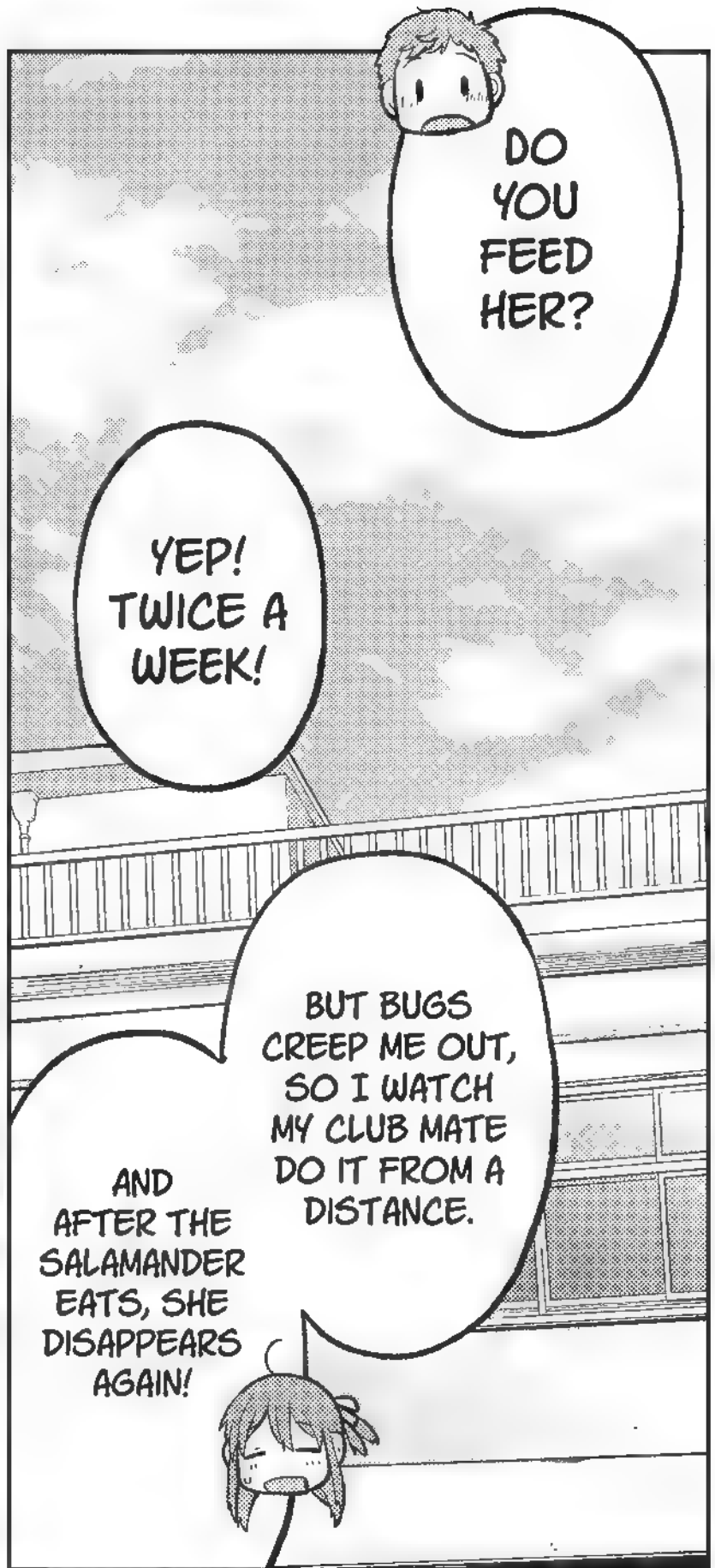




I HAVE
ANOTHER
QUES-
TION!!



HOW
MANY
BABIES
DO
CLOUDED
SALA-
MANDERS
HAVE?

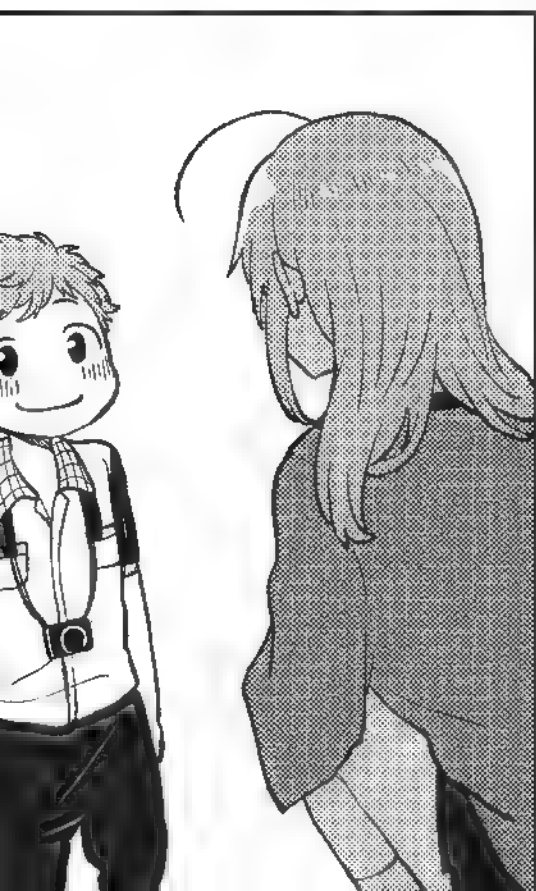


DO
YOU
FEED
HER?

YEP!
TWICE A
WEEK!

BUT BUGS
CREEP ME OUT,
SO I WATCH
MY CLUB MATE
DO IT FROM A
DISTANCE.

AND
AFTER THE
SALAMANDER
EATS, SHE
DISAPPEARS
AGAIN!



UH
...

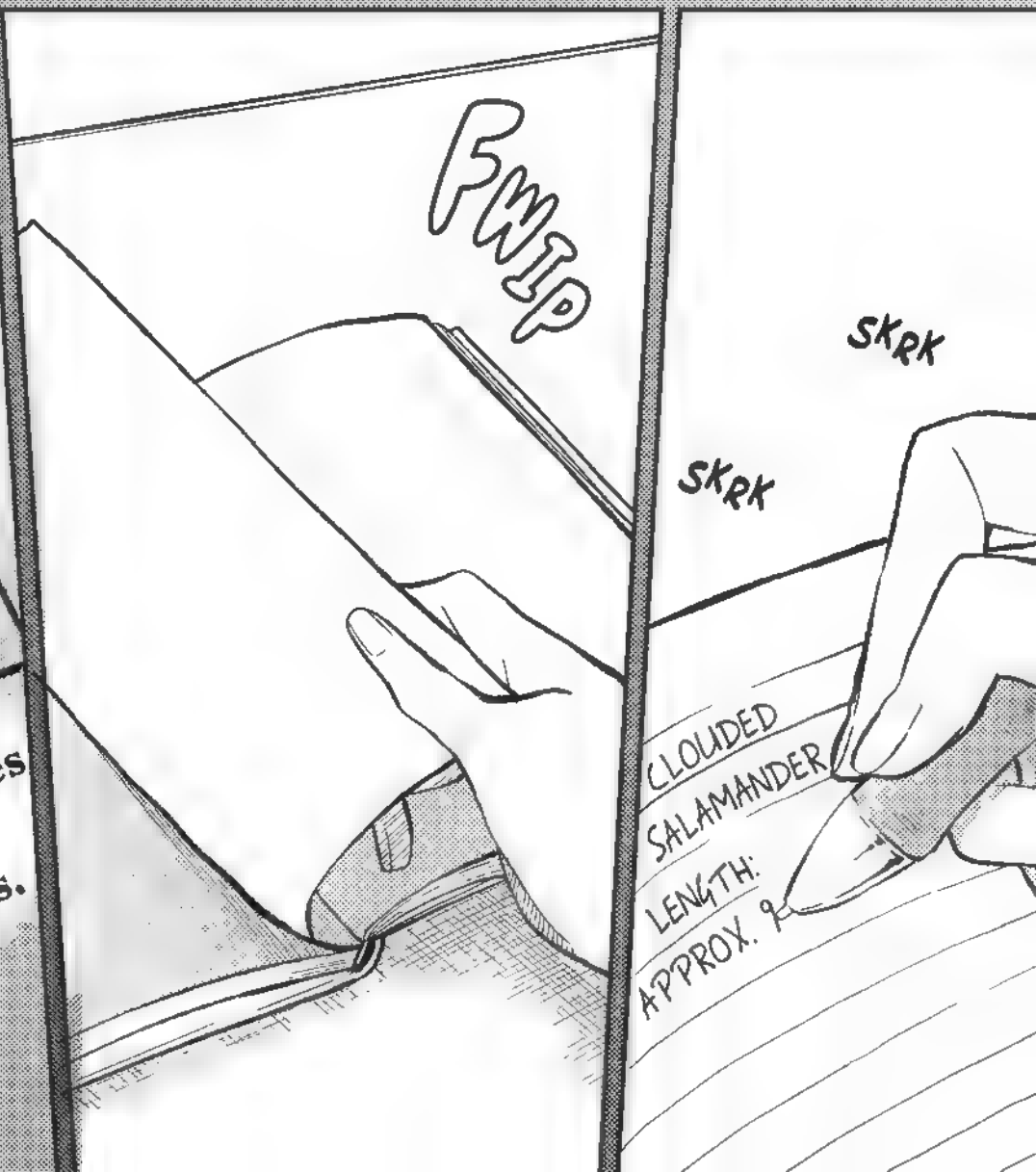
UM...



OH NO!
I CAN'T
ANSWER
AGAIN!



The egg sacs of this species
of clouded salamander
contain 40-50 small eggs.



Pwip

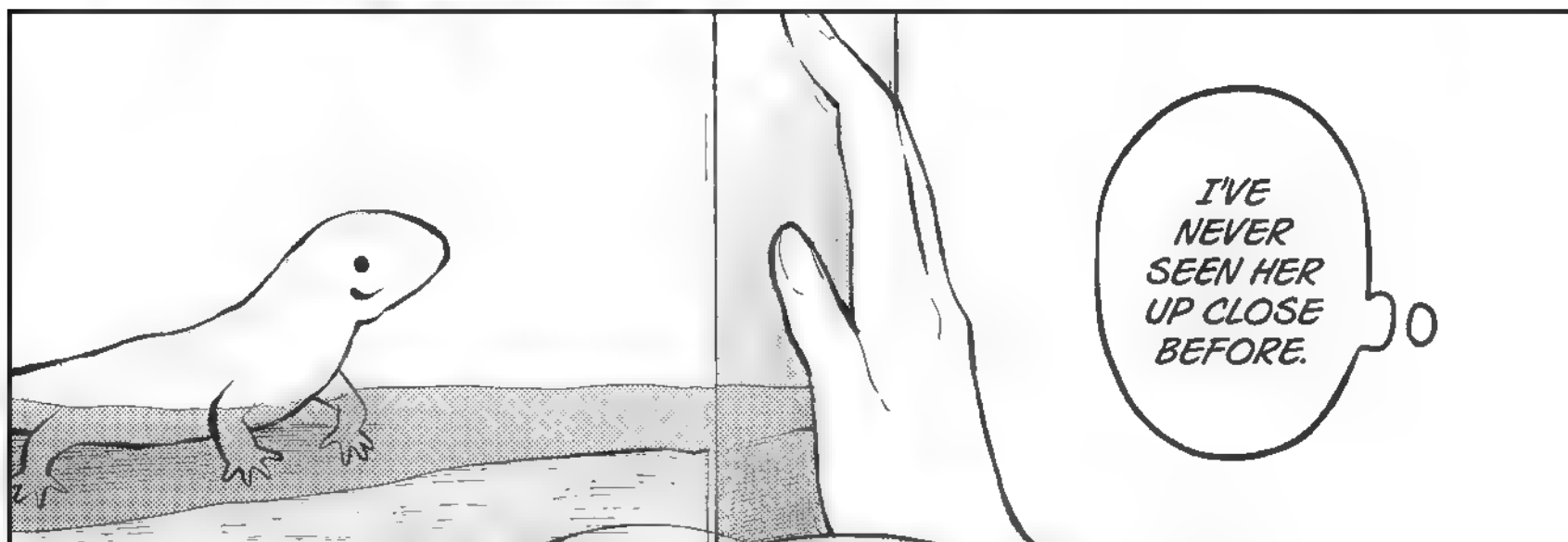
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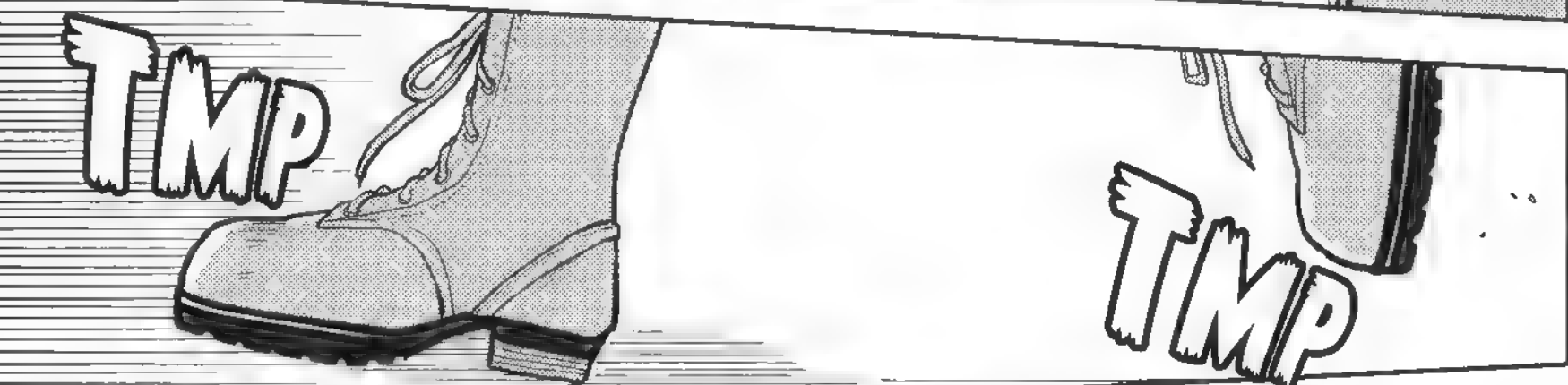
CLOUDED
SALAMANDER
LENGTH:
APPROX. 9













**KOYUKI
JUST
SHOWED
HER FACE
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME!!!**



...

I
TALKED
TO A BOY
WHO WAS
WAITING
FOR
KOYUKI
...

... AND
EVEN
ANSWERED
HIS QUES-
TIONS!

...







HM?



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"TF" for
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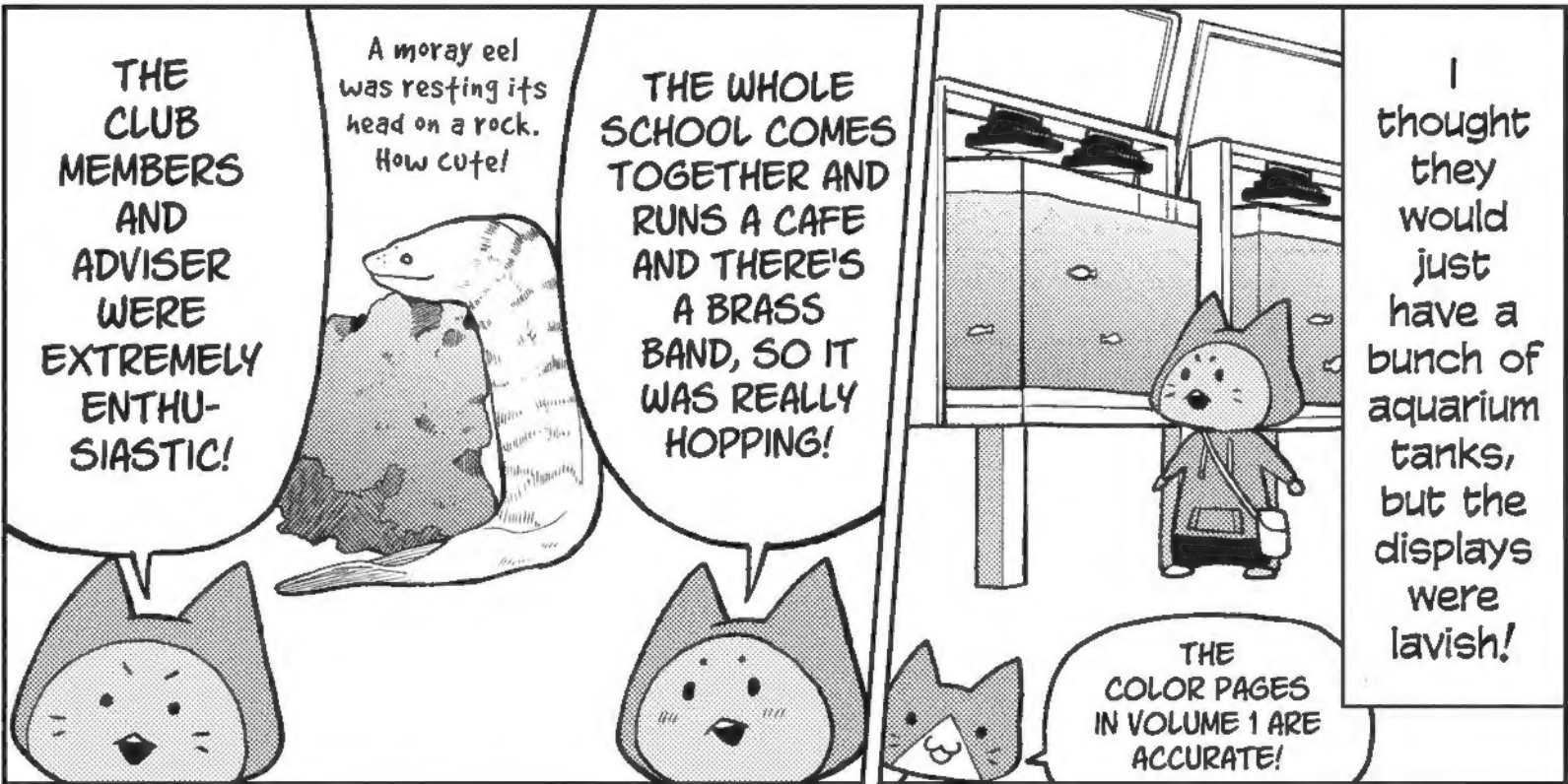
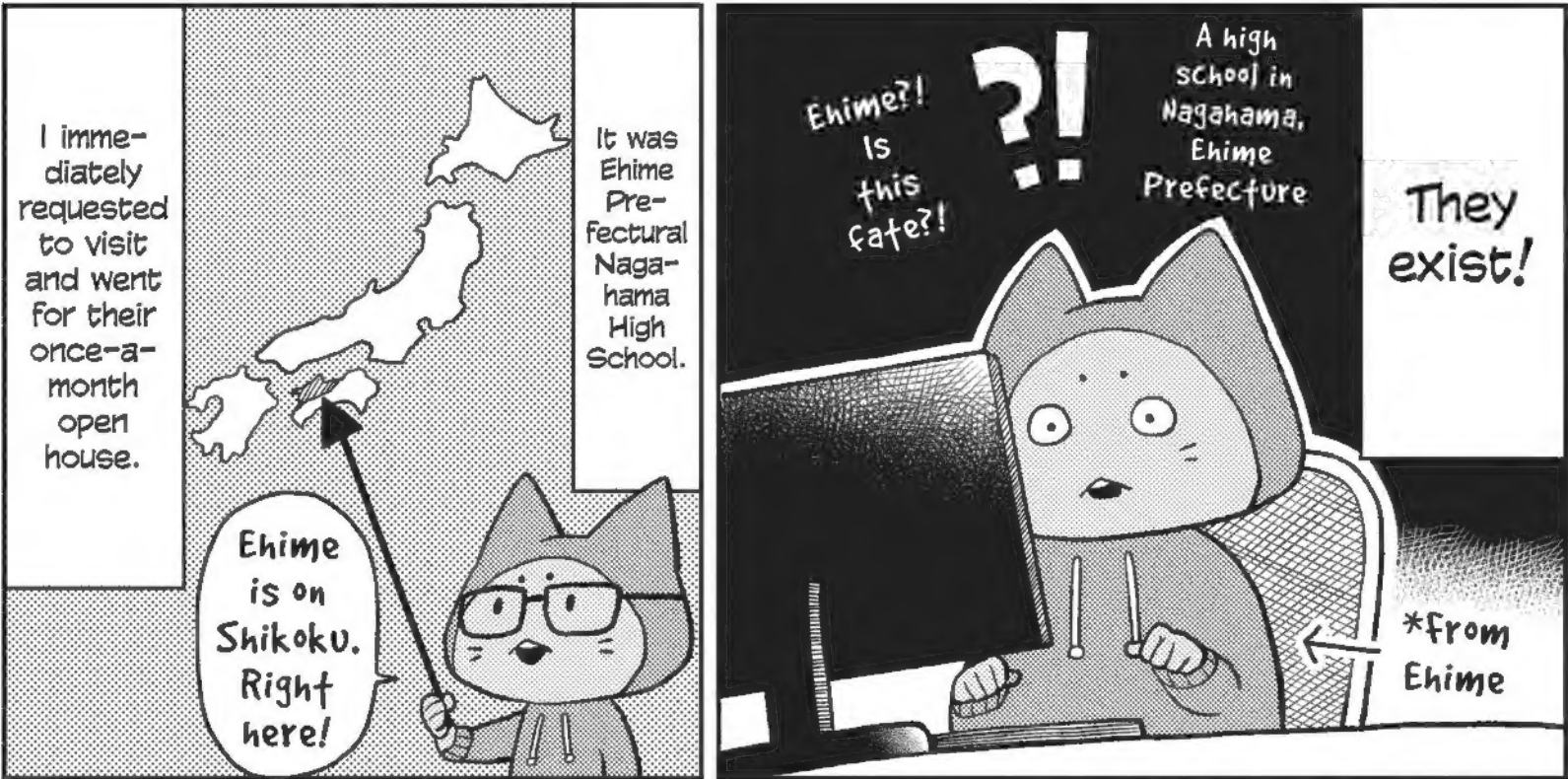
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